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CABINET SHAKEUP INVOLVES 4 FEDERAL MINISTERS

Blame Brakeman Of Stalled Train For Lack Of Foresight

Unusual Accident

SHANNON AIRPORT, Eire, Jan. 19 — (AP) — Airport officials described it as a "most unusual accident."

The slipstream from the propellers of a Pan American Airways airliner, they said:

Blew a heavy landing ramp across an icy runway tonight into the propellers of an American Overseas Airlines plane warming up preparatory to a take-off, causing "several thousand dollars" damage to the A.O.A. plane.

Coming Events

Hockey tonight, Long Creek vs. Canoe Cove. Skate after.

East Royalty vs. Milton, at Milton tonight.

Dance, K. of C. Hall, Monday, February 9th.

Raffle, K. of C. Hall, Souris, Thursday, January 22nd.

Hockey League, meeting at Milton tonight after game to draw up schedule.

Mill now closed for repairs until further notice, McGuigan and Boyle.

Meeting Hampton Hall, Wednesday, January 21st, to appoint new directors and other business.

Dance at Walter Connick's, Kinkora, Tuesday, January 20th. Good music.

Card Party and Dance, Crapaud Hall, Wednesday, January 21st. Proceeds in aid of Hockey Team.

Car Baled Shavings arriving very soon. Book orders at once for off car price. P. E. I. Livestock Feed Agency.

Those wishing to order seed with the Graham's Road Live Stock Association, please give your list now to the Secretary, Hugh Campbell.

Basket Social, Legion Hall, Souris, Thursday, January 22nd. Admission 40c. Ladies with baskets free.

Loading Hogs at Fredericton for Canada Packers every Thursday till 11 A. M. and Colville until 12.

Hockey New Glasgow rink tonight, Hope River versus South Rustico. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.

Private Sale — Chesterfield, bed, spring and mattress, conglom square, Enterprise range, all new. Ice box. Phone 1017-J

Loading Hogs at Kensington all day Tuesday, January 20th and until 3 o'clock Wednesday, January 21st. For information contact Oliver Campbell.

Loading Hogs at Hunter River all day Tuesday, January 20th and Wednesday, January 21st until noon. For information contact Gordon Matheson.

Loading Hogs this week at Albany all day Tuesday, January 20th and Wednesday the 21st until 4 o'clock. For information contact J. George MacKay.

"Change in Business." The "Hooley & Llewellyn" Auto-Body Shop will now be operated by Vernon Hooley and Lester Fall and known as Hooley & Fall, Auto-Body.

Car of Feeds arriving in a few days. Cash prices are as follows: Hog grower \$3.40, Barley Meal \$3.15, Wheat \$2.90. Also Bran, Shorts, etc. Place your order now. Herbert Mullen, Tracadie.

Attention Farmers. Accepting Hogs, Canner and Outter Cattle and Calves. Monday to Friday inclusive every week. For trucking service phone 296 or 1274. Canada Packers Charlotetown. Plant. Horace Wright, Controller.

Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wignore, Bradabane, until 11:30 a.m.; Borden Sagnall, Hunter River, until noon; Summerside until 1:30 p.m.; and Kensington until 3 p.m. MacEwen and Coles.

LATUQUE, Que., Jan. 19 — (CP) — A coroner's jury, investigating the death of nine men in last Wednesday's train wreck at Wykes, Que., tonight returned a verdict of accidental death but blamed the "lack of foresight" of brakeman E. G. Rousseau, adding that there was no question of criminal negligence on his part. All other members of both train crews were absolved of blame.

Rousseau was brakeman of train 11—a local—which was stalled in a curve when train 21—a Canadian National Railways express—ploughed into the rear of the local, killing nine men and injuring 55 other persons.

The jury also recommended that in the future the Canadian National Railways operate its express trains ahead of the local on the trans-continental line which crosses Quebec's bleak northern country.

In his testimony Rousseau said that he was in the last coach of the local when he heard the whistle of the express train. He said he ran for 10 or 12 minutes and waved a red flag but that the engineer of the express did not see it.

Rousseau said that the ice prevented him from placing a torpedo on the track to warn the oncoming train.

Wasted Time

The jury stated in its verdict that Rousseau had shown lack of foresight in not making use of the full 16 minutes between the time the local stopped and the time the express rumbled into it.

"He could have walked much farther in 16 minutes to give warning to the express train," the verdict said.

The jury returned the verdict after listening to nearly two and a half hours of testimony from eye-witnesses who were present when the frost-stalled local was struck in the rear by the west-bound express.

"It was the last coach when I heard the whistle," said Rousseau. "I ran with red flag for about 10 or 12 minutes. I saw the train, No. 21, taking the other curve. I waved my flag. He didn't see it. I yelled and he passed by in a cloud of steam."

"I didn't have time to put a torpedo on the track. The ice was too thick and it would have taken too long. I thought it best to use my red flag."

Leo Noel, 38, a constable who was the second coach of the stalled train, said "we hoped that No. 21 would slow down."

"We looked outside and saw the train turn a curve, and then we saw it come straight at us. The others in the car jumped. I didn't have time. I believed the signalman had reached the train."

Sees Food Biggest Need in Greece

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 19 — (CP) — "We don't want ammunition, we want food." Those were the words he heard most frequently during a two-month visit with relatives in Greece. Arthur Carman, Saint John restaurant proprietor, said today on his return by air from his former homeland.

Urgent in Greece, Carman said, seemed to stem from the privation of the people and the lack of employment which made it impossible for them to purchase the expensive food on the market.

Winter Business On Downgrade At Miami

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 19 — (AP) — This tropical playground's prospects for another "bonanza" winter season — as in the golden winters of 1946 and 1947 — are dim and growing dimmer every day.

The lush, carefree way the northern "guests" tossed around money the last several "seasons" is taking on a new tint; people aren't spending as they used to, and there aren't as many people spending.

The official opening of Hialeah Race Track has long been the criterion of the area's "peak of the season." By Jan. 15, hotels should have hung out their "no room" signs; night clubs should be turning away patrons; furs, jewelry and expensive cars should be selling like hotcakes and streets should be jammed.

But it's not like that this year.

Business is off. Hotel, restaurant, and general retail business is down from 10 to 30 per cent compared to last year.

With possibly two exceptions, the night club trade is decidedly off. Although most are still booking "big name" acts at bigger prices, the tables are not filled as they have been. The "big spender," the \$200-a-night "fun-lover," is a memory.

Reasons for the drop include: Purse strings tightened by increased living costs; Excessive hotel rates and out-and-out gouging by "get-rich-quick" operators; Loss of Canadian revenue, estimated by the Canadian Government at \$131,000,000 in 1946 — much of which was spent in Miami Beach — through a travel ban restricting United States travel to \$150 a person.

New Senator



Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of Veterans Affairs, who has been named to the Senate in a cabinet shuffle.

Island Merchant Still Going Strong On 98th Birthday

Probably the oldest man to be actively engaged in a big commercial business in the Province, Mr. Fidele T. Arsenault of the well known firm of Arsenault and Gaudet, Wellington, will be 98 years old today.

Born at Urbanville, "Prince County, on Jan. 23, 1850, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chrysostome Arsenault, Mr. Arsenault as a young man of 20 went to work as a clerk with the late Mr. Joseph B. Foirier of Tignish who at that time was doing a thriving general store business in that West Prince village.

After gaining some experience there, Mr. Arsenault, in 1873, entered the employ as a clerk at Wellington of Mr. J. O. Arsenault (later Senator Arsenault), father of the Hon. A. E. Arsenault, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island.

After remaining with Mr. J. O. Arsenault for 23 years, Mr. Arsenault, in 1896, went into business for himself for the next eight years. In 1904, with Mr. E. F. Gaudet, Wellington, he formed the business firm now known throughout the Province, of Arsenault and Gaudet.

Despite his advanced age, Mr. Arsenault has full possession of all his faculties. That his general health is excellent can be attested by the fact that he is in his store every business day and that none of his neighbors can remember a Sunday when he has not been seen in his pew in Misouche Church located four miles from his home.

His wife, the former Agnes Gaudet of Misouche, died several years ago.

Seven children were born of the union, and there are several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

U. S. Funeral Ship Still Is Burning

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 — (AP) — The United States Army funeral ship Joseph V. Connelly, which caught fire and was abandoned by her crew a week ago in the North Atlantic still is burning.

The Army freighter Lieut. A. R. Mininger reported today she was standing by the flaming vessel, which now is listing badly.

Snowfall In N. B. Heaviest For Years

Bomb Disposal Bureaux Formed

HALIFAX, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Formation of bomb disposal bureaux in the Maritimes for the handling of dangerous war souvenirs in the hands of civilians or for disposing of grenades or mortar bombs found in or near former army camps was announced today by Eastern Army Command headquarters here.

The bureaux will be located in Halifax, Fredericton and Charlottetown, and will be staffed and ready at all times to answer calls from civilians or others who think they have in their possession a dangerous war souvenir or who have discovered some grenade or bomb.

Manslaughter Case In Progress At Supreme Court

Four challenges and nine temporary ones by the Crown, together with the 12 challenges by the defence, exhausted the jury panel yesterday afternoon in the selecting of a petit jury for the trial of George Green, Kingston, charged with manslaughter. At the time, 11 men had been selected and it was necessary to recall five of those who had previously been "stood aside" by the Crown before the 12th man, William McKay, was accepted.

Mr. Justice M.R. MacGulgan is presiding. The Crown is represented by Attorney General P.A. Large assisted by G.R. Holmes, K.C. J.O.C. Campbell, K.C., is appearing for the accused.

The Court recessed at 4:30 p.m. in order that the jury might be conveyed to the road near Beech Grove Inn where the offence is alleged by the Crown to have been committed.

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Below Zero Temperatures

The temperature in Charlottetown at 8:30 last night was two below zero, it was learned from the weather observer at the Charlottetown Experimental Station. At that time there was "practically no wind" but what there was was from the west. The temperature was "still going down".

Mr. Warren Burns said, however, at midnight unofficial temperature readings in the City were slightly warmer. A thermometer at the Hughes Drug Store corner stood at one below.

Mr. Burns said his reading was four above at 8:30 yesterday morning, 3 above at 2:30 in the afternoon and zero at 5 p.m.

Family Allowance Directors Confering

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 19 — (CP) — Family allowance directors of Quebec and the Maritimes today opened a two-day conference here aimed at developing a more uniform system of administration in the districts.

Mrs. A. S. Ferguson of Fredericton, director for New Brunswick, said the discussions may lead to a more "streamlined administrative pattern."

Other provincial directors attending were Lionel Lafrance of Quebec; Paul Stelchin of Halifax; and Allan Nicholson of Charlottetown.

Top Quality Cocoa Advances In Trinidad

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Price of Trinidad plantation cocoa advanced \$3 a fanega today to \$44. A fanega is roughly equivalent to a bushel.

Estates, or ordinary quality cocoa, will continue to sell for \$40 a fanega.

AMHERST, N. S., Jan. 19 — (CP) — Second man to die under the wheels of a train here within three weeks, William M. Anderson was killed early tonight.

The eastbound train struck Anderson as it pulled into the station, dragging his body and mangleing it beyond recognition.

Weather Delays Judging At Fox Pelt Show

Judging of the large number of entries in the tenth annual pelt show of the P. E. I. Fox Breeders and Exhibitors Association, which was scheduled to get under way yesterday morning in the Union Hall, Summerside, did not begin. Due to the fact that a number of out-of-town officials of the show were storm stayed and did not get into town until late in the day, the classification committee was unable to complete their work as expected. However, it was definitely expected that the first class could be in the hands of Judge Douglas Bell this morning and judging would continue through the day.

The annual banquet will take place this evening as scheduled at Leo Coyle's Restaurant.

The total count of pelts reached 1104 which is just about one hundred more than the previous record set up last year. The entries in each class are, 277 Silvers, 148 White Marked, 443 Platimums, 145 Pearl Platimums, 84 Glaciers and 11 Novelties.

The largest section to be judged is the dark medium platinum male pups which will have 66 exhibitors. There are several other very large classes.

The classification committee which worked so hard to place the pelts in their proper colorings was Beecher MacDougall and Bob Humphrey and they were assisted by Ed Burleigh, Ernest Mill, Stewart Wright and Tom Carruthers. These men who are very familiar with pelt shows of the past state that this year's exhibit is far and away the best that has ever been made in this Province.

It is expected that from the Platimums a number of pelts will be picked to form the present of 12 Platimum pelts which Premier J. Walter Jones on behalf of the Government tendered as a wedding present to Princess Elizabeth.

The committee which was appointed to make the selection is, George A. Callbeck, C. N. F. B. A., Douglas Bell who is judging the Fox Show and who is also Dominion Fur Grader for the Province and Peter G. Clark of the P. E. I. Fur Pool Ltd.

The most intense cold wave of the season brought temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero to parts of the United States north-east and chilled the southern part of the United States Monday, causing at least 36 deaths.

The Weather Bureau predicted a second night of sub-zero cold for the northeast, but not as extreme as the deep-freeze atmosphere of Sunday night and Monday morning.

The weather morning temperatures in the southeast were "set to be somewhat higher."

The unofficial 40 below as reported at Orson, Pa., and Lyndonville, Vt., early Monday.

Island Clergyman, Author Dies In U. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Rev. John B. Champion, native of Prince Edward Island and author of eight books on religious topics, died yesterday, aged 79. He retired in 1941 after 16 years as professor of Christian doctrine at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

He was graduated from Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, in 1885 and had received degrees from Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., and the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

Child Fatally Burned In Boiling Water

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 19 — (CP) — Twelve hours after she had fallen into a tub of boiling water at her suburban Whitney Pier home, 11-month-old Christine Malinowski died in hospital here Saturday night.

The coroner said death was accidental and no inquest will be held.

U. K. Hopes To Boost Exports To Canada

LONDON, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Harold Wilson, Board of Trade minister, told a press conference today that the Government regards Canada, Argentina and the United States as markets of "outstanding importance" and expressed hope that exporters would display "utmost vigor" in prosecuting sales drives there.

In reviewing Britain's policy of selling a maximum of exports to hard-currency countries, Wilson said that in dealing with Canada "we are both concerned to save dollars and make sure of our food supplies."

Canada was most eager that Britain sell the Dominion more goods. Import restrictions imposed two months ago in Canada were devised to leave plenty of room for further expansion in nearly all lines of British exports.

"We must do all we can to take advantage of opportunities open to us, particularly in textiles and engineering products, but also in the whole range of our traditional exports to Canada — spirits, glassware, pottery and earthenware for example — and in new exports we must build up."

"Cotton textiles should show the largest expansion in 1948. We are planning to boost the present rate of about 10,000,000 yards to about 100,000,000 yards by the end of the year."

"This will allow Canada to cut down her purchases from the United States and save dollars and will restore Britain to her pre-war position as the main supplier of the Canadian market."

Wilson said it has been unnecessary to use compulsion to have British manufacturers send a major proportion of their exports to hard-currency countries like Canada. The industries had co-operated with the Government "and in cases of scarce materials the Government discriminates in favor of firms sending goods to hard-currency areas when allocations are made."

Mr. King Is Silent On Plans For His Own Retirement

OTTAWA, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced tonight a three-way shuffle in the Federal Cabinet, culminating in the appointment of Veterans Minister Mackenzie to the Senate, but gave no hint as to his own political future.

In a 20-minute press conference in his East Block offices, Mr. King disclosed these changes:

1. Mr. Mackenzie, who represents Vancouver Centre in the Commons and has asked to be relieved of some of his duties, goes to the Upper Chamber as a British Columbia Senator.

2. Milton Fowler Gregg, the former president of the University of New Brunswick who went into the Cabinet two months ago as Fisheries Minister, succeeds Mr. Mackenzie as Veterans Minister.

3. Trade Minister MacKinnon, who also has said he would like a lighter portfolio, becomes Minister of Fisheries for a temporary period which may last "some little time."

4. Reconstruction Minister Howe, whose department soon is to be dissolved, becomes Minister of Trade and Commerce, a department related closely to his new task of administering control over imports of capital equipment under the dollar-saving program.

5. The wartime department of National War Services finally has been dissolved and Revenue Minister McCann, who held that portfolio, resigned it today, though still retaining his post as Revenue Minister.

Mr. King parried questions about his personal future plans, about which he is expected to make an announcement tomorrow night in the main address before the annual dinner of the National Liberal Federation.

Asked whether he had seen newspaper reports speculating that he might announce his retirement, he said he saw "a lot of the newspapers these days."

To another direct question as to a report that he would be willing to continue as Prime Minister if another were selected as Liberal leader, he told his questioners:

"Well, if isn't for me to say what my future will be—that's in the hands of the Party."

One reporter asked who would take over the task of Government leader in the Commons chamber, a post held by Mr. Mackenzie, and Mr. King said he thought that External Affairs Minister St. Laurent

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Lack Of Steel Causes Layoff At Halifax

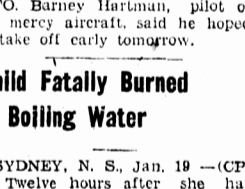
HALIFAX, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Lack of steel to fill Argentine ship-construction contracts caused the layoff of 100 workers at Halifax Shipyards Limited today and Daniel Scouler, general superintendent, said another 400 men likely would be idle within the week.

This would raise to nearly 4,000 the total of unemployed in the city and the contemplated layoff would be the largest since 1,500 civilian workers lost their jobs at H. M. C. S. dockyard here a year ago.

The Shipyards officials said work on three passenger-cargo ships for the South American country had been scheduled to begin in October but was delayed by a steel shortage, resulting in the dismissal of the 100 workers, machinists and boilermakers.

Mr. Scouler added that although the Steel Controller at Ottawa had promised materials for the projects at contract-signing time, the steel was not forthcoming.

Some Folks Sure Do Think A Lot Of Themselves — According To Their Insurance Policies!



TORONTO, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 35, 38; Victoria 34, 37; Edmonton 25, 42; Regina 18, 33; Winnipeg 24, 3; Toronto 6, 24; Ottawa 14, 34; Montreal 4, 13; Quebec 12, 3; Saint John 7, 7; Moncton 7, 4; Halifax 8, 15; Charlottetown 2, 4; Sydney 9, 21; Yarmouth 12, 14.

HALIFAX, Jan. 19

Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight, Tuesday.

Synopsis: It was very cold in the Maritimes Monday morning with temperatures below zero in many places. Monday night is still colder since clear skies will permit the temperatures to drop considerably and by mid-evening below zero figures were already reported from all three Provinces. On Tuesday southerly winds will bring milder but cloudy weather to most regions.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Clear and extremely cold tonight. Tuesday clear, becoming cloudy and milder in the afternoon. Light winds increasing to south 15. Low early Tuesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 12 below and 15 above.

High tide this morning at 4:31 and this afternoon at 4:40. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:47 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:32. Full moon January 26th, 3:11 A.M.