

# LIVELY COMMONS BATTLE ON FREIGHT RATES TO NFLD.

## SNOWSLIDES, FLOODS SPREAD HAVOC IN B. C.

### Spy In U.S. Zone Of Germany Is Given 20-Year Sentence

### Discuss P.E.I. Joining Maritime Food Council

The Deputy Ministers of Agriculture of the three Maritime Provinces and Island representatives of the different farm products, together with a number of wholesalers met in Charlottetown February 16 to discuss the joining of the Maritime Food Council, with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the Maritime Food Council, Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture stated yesterday.

### Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Dance, Millvale School Friday night, February 18th. Refreshments.
- Crokinole party in Mt. Albion Hall Tuesday, Feb. 22.
- Show, Morell Hall every Friday only. Show 8 P. M.
- Parlour Social at the Manse, Cavendish, Friday evening, February 18th.
- Meeting directors Cornwall Community Club, Cornwall rink to-night at 8.15.
- Hockey tonight at Long Creek Rink, New Haven Royals vs. Long Creek Beavers. 8.30.
- Meadowbank Women's Institute Pantry Sale, Rogers Hardware, Friday, February 18th, 2 P. M.
- Feed prices now reduced. Enquire for prices, it will pay you. McGuigan & Boyle.
- Horse races at Stanley Saturday, Feb. 19. Horses must be entered by 1.45. Classes starting at 2 p.m.
- Pantry Sale Saturday, February 19th, Prowse Bros. Home baked beans, cakes, pastry. St. Charles Auxiliary.
- Come to Valentine social in Wheatley River hall Friday, Feb. 18th.
- League game tonight, Hunter River rink, South Rustico vs. Hunter River. Skate after. Good music.
- Hockey Long River rink Friday, Feb. 18, French River vs. Long River. If not fine Saturday evening.
- Hockey New Glasgow rink to-night, Charlottetown Bombers vs. Hope River. Game starts 8.30 sharp. Skate after.
- Arrangements for High Bank School Building Fund and School Taxes, if not paid by February 23rd, 1949, will be handed to the Courts for collection. By Order of Trustees.
- There's a grand suspense drama "Berlin Express" starring Merle Oberon and Paul Lukas, plus Leon Errol Comedy at MacDonald's Box, Theatre, tonight. Don't miss it.
- Show—Morell, 8 P. M. every Friday only. Good Pictures. Gory Powell, Coming Friday only, Wm. M. G. M. Mystery Comedy, "Song of the Thin Man."
- Fun galore, see the girls' score at Hunter River rink. You'll laugh till you're sore. Kensington Girls vs. Shur-Gain Lassies Saturday night. Come at 8 and don't miss the fight. Skate after, good music.
- Attention Farmers.—We are pleased to announce a considerable decrease in the price of our freshly mixed Shur Gain Feeds. If interested in a top quality feed at a right price, write or phone Beaton & MacRae, Winsloe, Phone 2214-3.

By Richard K. O'Malley  
MUNICH, Feb. 17 (AP)—A United States Military Commission, officially ordered to be less secretive about its spy trials, today sentenced a waiter on the Orient Express to 20 years at hard labor.

By order of Maj.-Gen. Maxwell Taylor, the commission disclosed the conviction and sentence and identified the slender, brown-haired prisoner as Frontisek Klecka, 31.

Klecka is one of 20 persons rounded up by the army last November on charges of being members of a Czechoslovakia espionage ring. He claimed French citizenship, but said his wife lives in Czechoslovakia. The Orient Express is a crack international train that runs from Paris through such strategic cities as Strasbourg, Stuttgart, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna and Budapest.

Gen. Taylor, chief of staff of army ground forces in Europe, issued the authorization for naming of defendants and announcement of the findings after Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the United States Commander in Germany, ordered a probe of the commission's plan for absolute secrecy in two of the five trials scheduled.

Detailed charges in the case, tried behind locked doors guarded by military policemen, were not disclosed.

The army's public information service put out a statement that Klecka was sentenced "for espionage." A few minutes later, the announcement was corrected to delete the word "espionage" and substitute the words "violation of military government ordinance No. 8."

That ordinance covers "acts prejudicial to the security or mission of the United States forces," communication of information "which may be dangerous to the security or property of Allied forces" or any other act "endangering the security of Allied forces."

Gen. Clay said he still dislikes the secrecy surrounding the trial, but that in this case it is necessary to protect the witnesses against reprisals. The fifth trial also is to be secret. The others, including trial of five persons starting Monday, will be open.

### Labor Retains Seat In British By-Election

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuters)—Labor retained its seat in the Batley and Morley, Yorkshire, by-election when Dr. A. D. D. Broughton was elected with a majority of 7,686 votes; it was announced tonight. Labor won the seat in the 1945 general election with a plurality of 11,592.

The by-election was caused by the death of Capt. Herbert Beaumont, the former Labor member. Candidates were Broughton, a local medical practitioner who polled 24,514 votes, and A. M. Ramsden, Conservative, a Huddersfield solicitor, who received 16,828.

### HUGE POWER RESOURCES

Water power is so widespread in Canada that more than 98 per cent of all electricity generated for sale is distributed from hydro-electric stations.

### Temporary Electric Power Service For O'Leary Planned

If plans formulated at a citizens meeting in O'Leary yesterday afternoon were as anticipated that community may have a temporary electric power service in operation within the next twenty-four hours. Approximately 125 persons attended the gathering called to discuss ways and means of bringing relief to the village which was left without electricity following the destruction by fire of the diesel electric plant of Mr. Fred Champion on Wednesday night.

Mr. G. M. Matthews was appointed chairman of the meeting and Mr. E. B. Ellis, secretary, and a committee of seven was appointed to bring the proposed temporary solution into operation.

The plan is to obtain a generator from Scales Hydro Co. Ltd. Freeport and a motor from Curran and Briggs Ltd., Summerside, and set them upon the cement bases that supported the engines in the plant that was destroyed. If this is accomplished as planned, the people of O'Leary will be able to use their electrically operated facilities within a day or two.

The fire caught most of the residents unprepared for such an emergency and within a short time yesterday the local stores were sold out of gasoline lamps and further supplies were hastened from Summerside. A few citizens who had oil burner heating systems and electric kitchen ranges are thanking their stars that the weather is relatively mild and hoping that it will remain so till power is restored.

About sixty per cent of the residents own private water systems and these cannot be operated without electrical power. Some local utilities such as the theatre and the rinks have obtained small plants and will be in operation in the immediate future.

### 17th Recce To Become P.E.I. Recce Regiment

### Margarine Color Bill Introduced

OTTAWA, Feb. 17 (CP)—The Commons gave first reading to a bill to prevent manufacturers from giving margarine the same color as butter. It was introduced by George Cruickshank (L-Fraser Valley) who said the legislation was for the protection of the consumer as well as the country's dairy industry.

The bill also would prevent retailers from selling margarine and other such substitutes for butter and would prohibit its use in hotels and other public eating places unless there was specific notice that margarine was being served.

The measure would provide a maximum fine of \$500 or six months imprisonment for violation of its provisions.

LT.-Col. A.W. Rogers, O.C. 17th Recce, Reserve Force, received word from National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, yesterday that the Regiment would henceforth be known as the Prince Edward Island Recce Regiment (RF). The designation was retroactive to February 4th.

In bearing the name Prince Edward Island Recce Regiment a local application is given the unit which links it with the traditions and battle honors of two well-known former regiments—The P. E. I. Highlanders and the P. E. I. Light-horse.

Stemming as it does from these two famous Island units the Recce will be steeped in history and colour of the military past which can be readily traced back to the South African War.

The P. E. I. Highlanders evolved from the 82nd Regiment (Abwegel Light Infantry) which was the parent Battalion of the famed overseas unit—the 105th—of the First World War.

### C.N.R. Main-Line Passenger Train Is Snowbound

VANCOUVER, Feb. 17 (CP)—Snowslides and floods—aftermath of yesterday's rains—today spread havoc throughout British Columbia. Rail, highway and telephone communications were badly disrupted.

Highlights:  
1. A C. N. R. main-line passenger train is snowbound with 30 persons aboard at Stroud, B. C., 114 miles east of here. It was due here yesterday morning. An additional 160 persons, mostly motorists, are also marooned.

2. Victoria is reeling under its worst flood in 26 years. Damage to the lower part of Vancouver Island is expected to exceed \$100,000.

3. Desperately-needed supplies are being flown to 10 families isolated at a logging camp near coastal town of Powell River.

4. Telephone communications with Eastern Canada are interrupted.

5. The Trans-Canada Highway is still blocked at Flood, B. C., by a giant snowslide. It will not likely be cleared until Monday.

Rotary snow plows are slicing through monster drifts in the Fraser canyon, which starts about 100 miles east of here, to rescue the C.N.R. No. 1 train from Montreal.

The train's passengers have an adequate supply of food, railway officials said, and are suffering no discomforts apart from the delay. Due here at 9:20 a.m. yesterday, the train will not arrive until sometime tomorrow.

Railway crews have worked day and night since to extricate the train. However, recurring fresh slides have delayed operations.

### News In Brief

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17 (AP)—Dr. Chaim Weizmann today was inaugurated as the first president of the young state of Israel in a ceremony filled with ancient Hebrew symbolism.

PRAGUE, Feb. 17 (AP)—High level talks between Government and Roman Catholic Church leaders began here today, the Czechoslovak Press Bureau announced. Subject of the talks was not disclosed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17 (CP)—Health Minister Martin said today in the Commons that the Federal Government will be prepared to make its old age pensions legislation applicable to Newfoundland as from April 1.

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### N.S. Liberal Sides With Conservatives

By JOHN LEBLANC  
OTTAWA, Feb. 17 (CP)—A Commons battle over the effect of Newfoundland union on Maritime port business today found a Liberal and two Progressive Conservatives against Prime Minister St. Laurent, backed by two C.C.F. members.

Centre of the debate was the contention of Gordon Isnor (L—Halifax), George Nowlan (PC—Digby-Annapolis-Kings) and Percy Black (PC—Cumberland) that the existing traffic set-up would be disturbed by creating a condition favorable to shifting Newfoundland-bound freight from Halifax to Sydney, N.S.

Prime Minister St. Laurent—defending a confederation agreement clause giving through freight to Newfoundland preferential rail rate treatment when shipped through Sydney—argued the present balance would not be upset.

He was backed by Clarie Gillis (CCF—Cape Breton South), whose constituency includes Sydney, and Arthur Williams (CCF—Ontario).

Approval Blocked  
Outcome of the hour-long battle over the contentious clause was that its approval was blocked for the second straight day as the House considered the Newfoundland terms in committee of the whole.

Under pressure from his own Halifax supporter and the Progressive Conservative Nova Scotians, Mr. St. Laurent would go no further than to assure them that goods moving to Newfoundland by

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He said he wanted to repeat "what I have said before—the charges against me are nonsense and pure fantasy." He said he was not allowed to have a representative in the courtroom, "although seats had been promised to me before the trial opened."

### 31 Million Deficit For C.N.R. Forecast

By John LeBlanc  
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### U.N.B. Winners Of Debating Title

FREDERICTON, Feb. 17 (CP)—The University of New Brunswick Debating Club has won the Maritime intercollegiate championship and will enter the Dominion University debating tournament in Ontario next month.

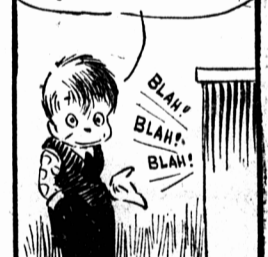
Selected as the team for Dominion competition were Edward Fanjoy, Hartland, and Harold Stafford, Fredericton, with Hugh Whalen, Dalhousie, as alternate.

### Entire Siple Family Buried In One Grave

NORWICH, Ont., Feb. 17 (CP)—Seven coffins formed a semi-circle in the small, flower-filled United Church in this community 12 miles from Woodstock today as residents gathered to pay last homage to the Siple family.

An airplane crash last Sunday killed Wallace C. Siple, Montreal aircraft executive, his wife and five children. Today three clergymen conducted the funeral service and 760 pallbearers carried the seven coffins to the cemetery where they were buried side by side in one grave.

### No. HORACE, A BROADCASTING STATION ISN'T EXACTLY A 'GAS' STATION!



OTTAWA, Feb. 17 (CP)—Minkum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 35 43; Edmonton 3b 2b; Regina 2b 24; Winnipeg 10b 23; Toronto 22 28; Ottawa 9 21; Montreal 32 32; Quebec 28 34; Saint John 32 39; Moncton 28 34; Halifax 31 34; Charlottetown 28 32; Sydney 28 34; Yarmouth 30 36.

HALIFAX, Feb. 17 (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Friday.

Synopsis:  
The storm which formed along the United States seaboard Wednesday evening and brought snow to the district today now is south of Newfoundland. A strong north-westerly current of air is blowing across the district and snowfalls are occurring along windward coasts.

An area of high pressure over the Great Lakes will cross the district Friday evening. With its arrival, winds will diminish to light and snowfalls will end.