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85 MILLION IS AT STAKE IN FREIGHT HEARING

Battle Of Controls To Open At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 — (CP) — The august House of Commons will head Monday into what now is popularly known as the battle of controls, expected to be a long and perhaps bitter word-war over he Government's plans to seek extension of some 50 of its briskly-contested wartime restrictions.

The signal for the political storm was given early this week when Prime Minister Mackenzie King moved that if the debate on the Speech from the Throne was not concluded by this weekend that the House adjourn the debate from Feb. 10—Monday—to Feb. 24 to deal with the control measures.

Some of these bills already have been introduced and given first reading but, generally speaking, they are minor measures dealing with changes in the Wheat Board Act, the Canada Grain Act, the Defence Act and other statutes to bring them into conformity with practice under wartime orders-in-council.

These bills, which the Prime Minister placed in the first category of control measures to be introduced, will come up for second reading and debate Monday and Tuesday.

Some may be debated and others may be carried with little dissent but the battle proper is not expected to start until the Government comes with a single bill which the Prime Minister has said will "provide for the continuation for a limited period of certain transitional measures to the number of about 50."

That single bill, which will deal largely with control of prices, supplies and rentals, is expected to be the one which will have to withstand the full shock of an Opposition attack, mainly from the Progressive Conservative benches, on the Government's post-war stabilization program.

Individual Progressive Conservative members already have come out in the Throne Speech debate with demands for the removal of controls on the grounds that they are hampering production and employment. The official opposition may also derive some support from the Social Credit group while the C. C. F. Party likely will side with the Government.

Noranda Mine Strike Settled

NORANDA, Que. Feb. 9 —(CP) —The Noranda strike which began Nov. 22 for higher wages and a union checkoff ended tonight when the striking miners voted to accept the latest offer of Noranda Mines limited.

T. F. McGuire, district co-ordinator for the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (C.I.O.) said the miners would take the 13-cent hourly increase offered Saturday by James Y. Murdoch of Toronto, the company president. The Union had demanded an increase of 16 cents.

Storm Downs C.N.T. Wires On Mainland

(By The Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, Feb. 9 — Canadian National Telegraphs officials said here tonight that heavy snow on the wires near the Nova Scotia-New Brunswick border had cut some of their lines leading to Prince Edward Island last night but they expected to be operating normally in the morning.

In the meantime, they said, P. E. I. points were being served by means of a Morse circuit following the railway lines.

Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company officials said none of their circuits were interrupted.

VETERAN COMPOSER DIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 — (AP) — John W. Bratton, 80-year-old songwriter and a popular composer of the gay '90's era, died Friday. Bratton kept no accurate count of the songs he wrote but estimated them as "in the hundreds." His first hit was "Sunshine of Paradise Valley," followed by others such as "Darling Sue" and "Only Me." He completed the lyrics for a new song the day of his death.

Coming Events

**Movies at Borden to-night.

**Races, Souris, Wednesday, February 12th.

**Dance, Emerald Hall, Monday, 10th, C. W. L.

**Dance in St. Patrick's School, Lot 22, Monday, Feb. 10.

**Dance in K. of C. Hall, Souris, Tuesday, February 11th. Clifford's Orchestra.

**Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Canada Packers Ltd., every Tuesday until 11 A. M. R. N. Dawson.

**Debate and Dance, Earnscliffe school Tuesday, Feb 11th. Aid of China Relief Fund.

**Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., Tuesday until further notice. Dingwell and Rossiter.

**Card Party, Auction Sale, Darnley, Tuesday, February 11th. If not fine Wednesday.

**Crokinole Party, Pownal Garage Hall, Wednesday, February 12th. Auspices Y. P. U.

**New Glasgow vs. Milton at Milton Rink tonight. Game starts at 8.15.

**Loading Hogs at Cardigan Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd. Norman McKenzie, Cardigan.

**Horse races at Stanley Bridge Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 2 o'clock sharp.

**Hear and Discuss "Farm Radio Forum", Summerfield Hall, Monday evening, February 10th. Everybody welcome.

**Hockey, Covehead tonight, doubleheader, Brackley vs. Covehead, league game; Winsloe vs. York. Game starts 7.30.

**Loading Hogs every Tuesday, at Albany. Write or phone for Trucking Service, when road conditions permit. Prompt and courteous service. Highest market prices. J. George MacKay.

**Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., every Friday, Souris, Rollo Bay, Fortune Bridge, Bay Fortune, Annandale, Dundas, Bridgetown, Strathcona. George Dingwell.

GIRL, 19, WOULD WED CONVICTED MURDERER

One of two youths sentenced to die in the electric chair for the slaying of a motorist, John T. Kelly, 20, is embraced by Ramona Coy, 19, in prison at Nashville, Tenn. Former waitress and night club hostess, she travelled from Lewiston, Minn., to see Kelly and marry him before he dies, "if they'll let us." Calm when sentenced, Kelly sobbed after seeing her. He and his companion, James D. Sandusky, 19, said they would like to roll dice to see who would go to the chair first.

Shipbuilding Boom In Great Britain

LONDON, Feb. 9 — (Reuters) — Though coal and materials shortages threaten it, as every other phase of the national effort, Britain's shipbuilding industry is experencing its biggest boom since 1922, and 1947 is likely to shatter the 1946 "best ever" output of merchant vessels.

Shipbuilding circles here are confident that the one-a-day launchings in British yards that were a feature of 1946 will be surpassed in the coming months if coal and materials shortages can be staved off.

British shipbuilding effort was six times that of the United States Of 1,074 ships now building in the world's yards, 454 are within the United Kingdom. Tonnage figures were even more impressive. Of a world construction of 3,678,491 tons British yards were handling 1,937,062.

Britain's best customer is France with the British dominions, Norway, Iceland, Denmark and Holland following in that order.

Suspect Held In "Black Dahlia" Death

FORT DIX, N. J., Feb. 9—The United States Army announced Saturday night it is holding Cpl. Joseph Dumais in charge of suspicion of murder after he signed a statement saying "it was possible" he committed the mutilation slaying in Los Angeles last Jan. 15 of attractive Elizabeth Short, called "The Black Dahlia."

An official said the 29-year-old Dumais signed a statement which included a 50-page document scrawled in his own longhand and a lengthy series of questions and answers bearing directly upon the slaying.

Dumais stated, an official said, that he was with the slain girl Jan. 10. The soldier insisted throughout that his mind "blanked out" while drinking with the girl and that he remembered nothing until he found himself in New York some time later.

Officials said the Dumais statement told how he had "blank spells" in previous dealings with women when he had been drinking heavily.

The statement included a remark that when with a girl and drinking his "craving and passion became uncontrollable." He said he became "rough and brutal."

The Claremont, N. H., soldier had been questioned for almost a week following his apprehension on an embezzlement charge.

Dumais' statement, officials said, declared he had known Miss Short since 1942 and had several dates with her.

Toronto Youth Sentenced To Hang

TORONTO, Feb. 9 — (CP) — A beetle-browed youth whom a medical authority described in court as a "moron" is to be hanged May 8 for fatally beating a Toronto tobacco dealer who had taken him into his shop and given him a job as night clerk in a downtown tobacco shop.

He is Rayman Hamilton, 19, convicted Saturday by an Assize Court jury on a charge of murder. Evidence was that on the night of last Nov. 18 he beat Alfred Hull, 43, over the head with a metal insecticide container which weighed two pounds after he set out to rob Hull.

The jury deliberated an hour and 15 minutes. It recommended mercy.

Believed Dead, Man Reunited With Wife

(By The Canadian Press)

HAMILTON, Feb. 9 — Reunited with the husband whom she believed had died in a German concentration camp, happy Mrs. Jack Harper left Hamilton's Supreme Court building with him Saturday after Mr. Justice Keiller Mackay annuled a second marriage she had contracted since the war.

With a stroke of his pen the Judge legally restored Mr. Harper to life, annuled Mrs. Harper's second marriage, contracted in the belief Jack had died, and legally reunited the middle-aged couple.

Only Friday night did they see one another for the first time in more than seven years—in three of which Mr. Harper lived through a lifetime of horror in a German concentration camp—after he had completed a 6,500-mile trip from Newcastle-on-Tyne by way of Galveston, Texas, to rejoin her.

When the Germans occupied Guernsey, in the Channel Islands, Mr. Harper was taken prisoner and sent to the Noefligen Camp in Bavaria, where he suffered the chainings, beatings and kickings typical of German prison camps.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Harper, who heard that her husband had died, entered into a second "marriage."

"We want to be together again" was Harper's simple statement to Mr. Justice Mackay, who speedily put the documents in order.

150 DIE AT COSTUME BALL

Dairymen Watching Oleomargarine Bill

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 — (Special) — The National Dairy Council of Canada, butter factories in all the Provinces, dairy companies and milk producers are assembling their forces to defeat a bill Senator Euler of Kitchener proposes to introduce in the Senate to permit the importation of oleomargarine into Canada.

Last session the Ontario Senator introduced a similar bill which was defeated on second reading in the Senate with all Prince Edward Island Senators opposing it. The vote was 43 to 30, but as conditions have altered since last year, Senator Euler believes he can convince a sufficient number of his colleagues this year to turn last year's defeat into a 1947 victory.

First steps against the oleomargarine bill have already been initiated by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture whose president, H. H. Hannam described the bill as "impractical" and "unfair to butter producers" in a public statement issued over the weekend.

The Federation's stand is being re-echoed widely in the dairy industry in all parts of the Dominion. Robert C. Smellie, president of the National Dairy Council of Canada told the Guardian today that the Council entirely concurs with the stand of the Federation of Agriculture in opposing the margarine bill.

"Grossly Unfair"

"We have taken this matter up with the oils and fats administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board," he said. "Besides being grossly unfair to the Canadian butter producer, the bill if passed by the Senate and by the Commons would do nothing to improve our overall food position. "Canada receives only such fats and oils as are allocated under the International Emergency

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Freak Electrical Storm Saturday At Liverpool, N. S.

LIVERPOOL, N.S., Feb. 9 — CP) — A freak electrical storm kept wire crews busy making repairs to South Shore power lines today but outside of damage to transmission equipment there was little other loss.

The storm struck Saturday afternoon, knocking out fuses on the 13,000-volt line leading into Liverpool, cutting off power to Liverpool industries. Local electricians had to fix 22 broken street lights.

In Lunenburg, 45 miles up the shore, a flash of lightning struck the spire of the Zion Lutheran Church, stripping it of shingles and causing shock to Mrs. John E. Knickle who was sitting in her home across the street at the time.

Ken Miller of nearby Fort Mouton said one flash struck the ground near his car, lifting a heavy stone which dented the hood and grill of the machine.

British Await Effects Of Power Blackout Today

By John Dauphinee

LONDON, Feb. 9 —(CP) — A confused, snowbound England tried to calculate tonight the probable effects of tomorrow's widespread industrial shutdown which will throw millions into temporary idleness and a shaken Socialist Government awaited anxiously the reaction in Parliament from its own members and the Opposition.

Effective at midnight tonight, all but a few "essential" industries in London, the Southeast, the Midlands and the northwest—densest factory concentration in the British Isles—have been instructed to pull their main power switches. House-holders in the same zones have been put on their honor to turn off all lights and electric appliances for five hours daily. An estimated 4,000,000 persons will be thrown out of work.

More Snow

Overnight, a new general snowfall struck the United Kingdom, bringing more railway and highway tieups. Four inches of wet snow left London's streets a slushy mess. The fall was much deeper than in other areas where wind built up heavy drifts. Snow and sleet prevailed along the English Channel and rail lines were blocked in the north where vital coal traffic already was virtually at a standstill.

There was no feeling among Labor Party officials on the whole that the present crisis endangers the Attlee Government, though there was general agreement that a repetition of a similar situation next winter might be a different story.

It is possible to find people outside Parliament who say there should be another election now to clear the air, but they are a mere handful. No section of the press has reported any such comment so far, let along to suggest such action.

METHODISTS CELEBRATE

LONDON, Feb. 9 — (Reuters)— British Methodists are celebrating the centenary of the birth of Rev. Hugh Price Hughes—born Feb. 8, 1847, at Carmarthen, Wales—one of the greatest evangelists Methodism ever had in Britain. He was a founder of the "Forward Movement."

Predict Chinese Gov't To Be Reorganized

By SPENCER MOOSA

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9—(AP)—China's deepening economic crisis resulted today in an anti-American rally which broke up in a riot and brought a prediction from a high quarter of an imminent government reorganization.

In Nanking Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek ordered a new five-year economic plan started immediately, but its nature was not disclosed.

The Shanghai mass meeting was called by employees of various Chinese department stores to instigate a boycott against American imports as a means to "save Chinese industry from bankruptcy."

The American boycott idea grew out of a Chinese Government plan to tax imports 50 per cent and use the money to subsidize exports 100 per cent. This subsidy, announced Wednesday, would have given Chinese exporters 6,700 Chinese dollars for each American dollar's worth of goods, approximately the black market rate of that time, compared with the official government rate of 3,350 to 1.

The black money market reacted immediately, however, and yesterday was offering more than 11,000 Chinese dollars to $1 U. S.

Since Wednesday, retail prices have doubled and there has been a rush of speculative buying, with gasoline a prized item. Motorists in Shanghai and Nanking quickly drained filling stations, even though operators said supplies were adequate to meet true needs.

Flash Fire Sweeps Berlin Dance Hall

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

BERLIN, Feb. 9 — (AP) — A masquerade ball became a holocaust last night when an estimated 100 to 150 masked merrymakers were burned or trampled to death in a flash fire that engulfed the Karlslust Dance Hall in the British zone of Berlin.

A mass of bodies was piled before the entrance, much as in the Cocoanut Grove fire in Boston four winters ago where nearly 500 perished.

Survivors told of women being trampled to death and of others being stripped naked as they fought vainly to reach the main exit. The exact toll was not known when darkness forced abandonment of the search through the ruins until tomorrow.

A British fire control officer blamed overheated stoves. A German civilian familiar with the structure said a short circuit was to blame because the flames first broke in the ceiling and the lights went out immediately.

At least three British soldiers were among the dead, the British Army said. Others were among the 30 severely burned persons who

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SEEK RABBITS, BAG BIG BAD WOLF, $25

While hunting rabbits, Don Beatty, left, and Valent Kamenar were in a party which shot this 34-pound wolf three miles west of Fort Erie, Ont. The men will split the $25 bounty offered by the government.

Britons Displeased With Deal In Food

By JAMES McCOOK

LONDON, Feb. 9 — (CP) —British willingness to sacrifice — displayed during the war and afterwards —is showing signs of strain under the impact of a second peacetime winter of increasing cold, reducted rations and bleak predictions.

The average Briton — and some of his representatives in Parliament — now is questioning whether Britain receives a fair deal in the allocation of world food supplies.

Reports of suffering of Germans in the war's aftermath do not drown out news from other European countries that some at least live in a state of plenty unknown here. That European food may be black market but it does not seem to exist in Britain in any form or in a market of any hue.

The Labor Government knows painfully that the public mind is responsive to questions raised by Lord Woolton Food Minister during the war, and others among the

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Clear Weather On Prairies

WINNIPEG, Feb. 9 — (CP) — Clear weather, broken only by occasional snowflurries, ruled across the Prairies tonight in the wake of the worst blizzards in years but scores of communities still lacked food and fuel, most transportation moved haltingly, if at all, and flour mills and stockyards faced shutdowns because of scanty deliveries.

May Sidetrack Arms Limitation

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 — (AP) — The United Nations program for world-wide arms limitation, firmly deadlocked by a basic American-Russian disagreement, may be sidetracked temporarily for a cooling-off period, authoritative sources said today.

The Security Council meanwhile could plunge into discussion of the Greek case and the long-hanging British complaint against Albania.

Five Dead, 10 Ill From Wood Alcohol

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 9 — (AP) —Five seamen who were at a party aboard a United States Navy transport Thursday when wood alcohol was served are dead and 10 others are in hospital, five in serious condition. A spokesman said wood alcohol was stored aboard the ship for use in machinery maintenance, but there was no immediate explanation of the use of the alcohol at the party.

Blizzard In N. B. Ties Up Traffic

CAMPBELLTON, N.B., Feb. 9— (CP) — A week-end blizzard left a heavy snowfall in northern New Brunswick and tied up road and train traffic. Plow crews were unable to cope with the storm last night but managed to open some town roads today. Rural roads remained blocked. About two feet of snow fell after a heavy storm earlier in the week.

Failure of power and telephone lines for a time added to the difficulties here.

Axis Satellites To Sign Treaties Today

PARIS, Feb. 9 — (AP) — Peace treaties will be signed tomorrow for Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland, all sadly disillusioned satellites of Germany in the Second World War.

But even the signing in the famous Clock Room of the French Foreign Ministry will not finally bring peace to these vanquished states. Before the long-debated treaties are brought into force, they must be ratified by each of the major powers—by the United States Senate, for instance—and instruments of ratification must be deposited with the Foreign Ministry here.

Italy, Romania, Hungary and Finland all lose territory in the treaties although Romania recovers Transylvania from Hungary. Bulgaria survived territorially intact and covering a part of Greece.

A total of $1,330,000,000 reparations was assessed of which $900,000,000 was granted to Russia. Armed forces of all five states were reduced and all were prohibited from using atomic energy, rockets, bombers, submarines or torpedo boats.

Silent and attended by only one advisor, the Italian plenipotentiary, Marquis Antonio Meli Lupi di Soranga, arrived today to affix his signature to the Italian treaty. The treaties for Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland will be signed later.

The treaties first were drafted by the Big Four foreign ministers a year ago, disputed all last summer in the Paris peace conference and finished by the foreign ministers in New York last fall.

The signatories will vary according to the countries which were officially at war with the former enemy states. The United States, which never was at war with Finland, will be missing from that treaty. France will sign only the Italian treaty.

Probe Will Resume At Ottawa Tuesday

By JOHN LeBLANC

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 — (CP) — The fate of $85,000,000 a year of Mr. and Mrs. Canada's money will go into the scales here Tuesday.

That sum — about one-fifth of what it costs to run the Dominion Government in pre-war years—will be at stake as the Board of Transport Commissioners opens hearings on the application of the railways for general increases in freight rates.

And the effect of the hearings —described as the most important on a railway issue in a quarter of a century—will touch on every home in the country as the board considers whether or not to authorize an action that would add something to the cost of virtually every commodity used in the Dominion.

Twenty-three railways, including the two National lines have united in the move to obtain the first general rate boosts in 25 years. They seek a 30-per-cent raise in rates on all freight within the jurisdiction of the board except coal and coke, on which increases on a graduated scale averaging about 20 per cent are asked.

Expect Bitter Battle

Expectations are that the hearings will see a prolonged and bitter battle against the increases. A battery of legal talent has been lined up by seven of the Provin-

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Retired Truro Train Conductor Dies At 92

(By The Canadian Press)

TRURO, N. S., Feb. 9 — James Munro MacDonald, 92, retired Canadian National Railways conductor and one of the town's oldest citizens, died today after a two-months illness. He served as a conductor for 46 years during which time he was in charge of the first passenger train to operate over the old Intercolonial Railway route between Pictou and Oxford Junction, N. S.

TORONTO, Feb. 9 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 25, 46; Edmonton 11b, 10; Regina 1, 4; Winnipeg 2, 8; Toronto 7, 24; Ottawa 9, 17; Montreal 6, 16; Quebec 10, 15; Saint John 21, 25; Moncton 24, 36; Halifax 27, 30; Charlottetown 29, 29; Sydney 31, 34; Yarmouth 21, 29.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9 — (CP) — Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax at 11.15 p.m., Sunday.

Synopsis:

Not much change in the weather is expected for tonight and Monday over the Maritimes. A storm centre is located in southern Quebec and it will continue to give strong southwesterly winds with snow flurries and not much change in temperature.

Forecasts valid until Monday midnight:

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness with widely scattered snow flurries. Not much change in temperature. Southwesterly winds 15, increasing in the afternoon to 25, gusty. High today at Charlottetown, 20.

High tide this afternoon at 2.30 and tonight at 2.45.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.19 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.08.

Last quarter moon February 12th, 4.58 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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