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CHARGES RAILWAYS GIVING PROVINCES 'BRUSH-OFF'

Rail Freight Haulage In P.E.I. Up 4 p.c.

The Prince Edward Island division of the Canadian National Railways showed a freight-haulage increase for 1946 over the preceding year of approximately four per cent., according to the latest figures released from the office of the superintendent, Charlottetown.

In view of the fact that the carload-shipments of potatoes almost doubled in 1946 as compared to the shipments made the previous year, a mere overall increase of four per cent would seem to justify the opinion that the other exports and imports must have fallen greatly as compared to 1945. This, however, is not the case.

Hundreds of cattle and horses, more than 20,000 poultry, hundreds of tons of hay and straw, thousands of pounds of butter and cheese, and eggs by the thousands of cases left the Province last year by water to Newfoundland. Moreover, the main highways were open to motor trucks throughout the winter months of 1946 and this fact would seriously affect the figures for less-than-car-lots—commodities which are usually carried during that season by the railway.

The main decreases in railway freight-haulage were represented in gasoline, 1,907 tons, the result of the closing down of the various airports in the Province; turnips, because of a poor market, showed a decrease of 1,684 tons; and there was a decrease in fertilizer haulage for the months of November and December last of approximately 1,200 tons. This abrupt decline was the direct result of the fire last October which destroyed the Island Fertilizer plant.

The gross haulage, however, for the year 1946 showed increases over 1945 in fertilizer, fish, canned goods, and coal.

To Resume Construction Of Tallest Building

LONDON, Jan. 5 — (Reuters) — Russia is to resume construction on the Palace of Soviets, listed as the world's tallest building with a height of 1,365 feet, which was interrupted during the war, Moscow radio said today. The palace, to be 120 feet higher than New York's Empire State building, was begun several years ago near the Kremlin. It is designed to house the Soviet Parliament (the Supreme Soviet), besides serving for congresses and meetings.

Coming Events

**Unloading Old Sydney Coal to-day at Milton. Vernon Gillespie.

**Hockey practice and skate East Royalty Rink tonight.

**Poultry — Buying daily live and dressed poultry. Paying top market price Davis & Fraser Ltd.

**This store will be closed all day Monday, January 6th. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.

**Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Davis & Fraser Ltd., every Tuesday until 11 A. M. R. N. Dawson.

**New Wiltshire District L. O. L. meets in Kingston, Jan. 8th at 2:30 P.M.

**Hockey at New Glasgow Rink tonight. New Glasgow school team vs. St. Mary's. Game starts 8:30.

**Brackley vs. St. Avards at Milton Rink tonight. Game starts at 8:16.

**To arrive shortly, car of wheat, barley meal and extra No. 1 feed oats. Book your orders now. Glydon Maund, Union Road.

**Montague rink, regular skates Tuesday and Friday nights, 8 to 10 and Saturday afternoon.

**Dance, Mount Stewart Legion Hall, January 8th. Rollie MacKenzie's orchestra.

**Our Stores in Bradalbane will be closed Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's evenings. Bernard, Seaman, Doull.

**Unloading car of wheat, barley, and feed oats at Tracadie this week. Extra low price at car. Herbert Mullen.

**Collecting Hogs for Davis and Fraser's every Friday Souris, Rollo Bay, Fortune Bridge, Bay Fortune Annandale, Dundas, Bridgetown [illegible]

London Paper Seeking Views On Royal Romance

LONDON, Jan. 5 —(CP)— The newspaper Sunday Pictorial asked its millions of readers today to answer the big question now confronting the United Kingdom: Should Princess Elizabeth marry Prince Philip of Greece?

Devoting its front page to the launching of a public poll, which was headlined "should our future Queen wed Philip?" the newspaper asked its readers to consider the question with "sympathy and wisdom" and send their views to its "royal marriage" department.

"Above all," the Pictorial declared, "the loyal people over whom the Princess will one day rule as Queen must also be afforded the opportunity of expressing their views—not after the event, as occurred over another royal crisis in 1936, but before it."

The other "crisis" referred to was the abdication of King Edward VIII, now the Duke of Windsor, to Marry Wallis Warfield Simpson.

Although Buckingham Palace has denied repeatedly that the 25-year-old Prince and the Princess are betrothed the Pictorial said "the conviction is strongly held in informed circles that an announcement is contemplated sooner or later of the engagement.

The royal romance has been a hot issue because of some expressed criticism of any wedding between the Princess and Greek royalty which is in ill repute with the vocal Leftist section of British politics.

The Communist Daily Worker declared Saturday that the romance had been discussed on the "highest political level" and denounced the match as part of "intrigues . . .to strengthen Britain's hold on Greece as the imperial outpost in the Mediterranean".

This high-level recognition was denied by the Evening News, which said the engagement had not been discussed by the Cabinet or with the Dominions.

The influential Sunday paper, The Observer, was even more emphatic in declaring that there was nothing to the rumors of an engagement.

"The facts about Princess Elizabeth are these: It is not true that her future has been discussed in the Cabinet. It is not true that (Prime Minister) Attlee has talked to the King about a possible engagement with Prince Philip of Greece. It is not true that the Government has been in touch with the Dominions."

To Represent Ottawa Here

Mr. Frank Foulds, head of the citizenship branch, Department of State, Ottawa, arrived in the City last night by plane. Mr. Foulds will represent the Federal Government at the ceremonies here today which open the coast-to-coast celebration of Canadian Citizen Week.

Full-scale War In Indo-China Foreseen

PARIS, Jan. 5 — (AP) — Full-scale war in Indo-China was foreseen Saturday when Colonial Minister Marius Moutet sent word that France would have to fight it out there.

"It is necessary to have a military decision," Moutet told Agence France-Presse after his return from an eyewitness view of fighting in the northern city of Hanoi where he twice was fired upon by snipers, said by the French to be Viet Namese.

He said he was convinced the Viet Namese started the fighting at Hanoi Dec. 19 with premeditation as part of a plot against French control of any sort.

Considering Maritime Potato Growers Ass'n

HALIFAX, Jan. 6—(CP)—Monday)—The Halifax Chronicle said in a dispatch from Kentville, N.S., today that plans were being discussed for the organization of a Maritime Potato Growers Association.

"Many of the Annanolis Valley potato growers are in favor of such an organization. . . .to operate on a basis similar to the Apple Marketing Board," the Chronicle said, adding that it would aid in standardizing methods of growing, grading and packing of potatoes throughout the Maritimes

"It is generally known that there were various mixups in the marketing of this year's crop due to bumper crops in all of the Maritime Provinces. Also shipping schedules were disrupted. An organization such as this would be capable, in future years, of coping with difficulties such as these."

No One Is Injured In Forced Landing

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—(AP)—The Coast Guard reported at 11:05 p.m. (E.S.T.) tonight that an American Airlines plane, first believed to have crash landed on a beach near Bridgeport, Conn., came down one mile east of Jones Beach, Long Island, N.Y., and that no one was injured.

Recommends New Policy In Greece

LONDON, Jan. 5 — (AP) — A Parliamentary committee recommended today "an entirely new policy" toward Greece. It urged withdrawal of British troops, support of an all-party government with new elections and guarantee of Greece's present frontiers.

The recommendations were made to the Cabinet by four Labor Party members of parliament, two Conservatives and one Liberal who visited Greece for two weeks last August. The report was submitted also to King George of the Hellenes and the present Greek Government.

Withdrawal of the British occupation forces "at an early date" was recommended "subject to considerations of strategy and high policy."

Russia Demands U.S. Return Bolting Citizen

(By John M. Hightower)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5— (AP)— Russia asked the United States Saturday to hand over "as a criminal" one of its citizens who walked out of his trade-mission job in Mexico and decided to stay in the United States and blast what he called "the hell of dictatorship" in his homeland.

The Soviet Union asked the State Department to launch a regular manhunt for Kirill Alekseev, accusing him of embezzlement, treachery, treason, provocation, slander and failing to go home when he was supposed to.

The State Department took the request under consideration. Officials doubted that the United States has an extradition agreement with Russia, but were searching the records.

In New York, Martin Richmond, the lawyer who last Tuesday made public Alekseev's statement, said Saturday night that the Russian "emphatically denies any charges of financial or other irregularities and states that they are fantastic concoctions of the Soviet officials."

Alekseev, in the earlier statement, had accused the Russian Government of being a dictatorship hated by its people and said he would not put his family in its power again.

Richmond has not disclosed the whereabouts of Alekseev and his family, other than to say that they are in the United States.

In its first recognition of Alekseev's existence the Soviet Embassy here sent a note to the State Department Saturday accusing Alekseev of having "embezzled a considerable amount of money, property of the state," when he was employed on a Russian trade mission in Mexico.

The Tuesday statement issued by Richmond in the name of "Kiril M. Alekseev" at a press conference said:

"No nation is more exploited, or rather enslaved, than the Soviet nation.

"I canot return to my homeland and doom my family. . .but I feel that in this country (the United States) they will become free human beings, and I firmly believe that my family and I will be given an opportunity to start a new life here. . . .

Atomic Controller

Carroll Louis Wilson, 36-year-old engineer, was appointed general manager of the United States atomic energy commission by President Truman. A resident of Framingham, Mass., Wilson had been a commission consultant since last August.

Bilbo III, Senate Shelves Controversy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 — (AP) — Republicans won their fight late Saturday to deny Senator Theodore Bilbo (Dem.-Miss.) his seat at the opening of the new Senate and took formal control for the first time in 14 years.

By consent of the ailing Bilbo the question of seating him was pigeonholed for at least two months pending a hearing and he headed south for a cancer operation.

Swiftly then, after the two-day delay caused by the battle, the Senate elected Senator Arthur Vandenberg (Rep.-Mich.), as presiding officer and the rest of the Republican organization set-up.

Then it adjourned until tomorrow when, in joint session with the House of Representatives, it will hear President Truman's message on the state of the union.

Democratic leader Alben Barkley told his colleagues that Bilbo faces possible removal of a large portion of his jaw, two glands in his throat and a malignant growth in his cheek.

Bilbo must return to New Orleans, where he underwent a mouth operation several weeks ago, for another operation, the Democratic leader said.

Cost-of-Living On Steady Keel

OTTAWA, Jan. 5 —(CP)—The Canadian cost-of-living index is maintaining a steady keel.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today that on the basis 1935-1939 equals 100 the index on Dec. 2 was 127.1 unchanged from November. However, it was seven points higher than for a similar period last year and 26.1 per cent higher than in August 1939.

There was a fractional decrease in the food index, from 146.6 in November to 146.4 in December. Lower prices for eggs and some vegetables were chiefly responsible, but small increases in several other groups balanced the loss in foods.

Fuel and light advanced from 108.6 in November to 109.2 with scattered increases in western coal prices. Clothing advanced from 131.1 to 131.2 and home furnishing and services rose from 129.2 to 129.4. The mscellaneous group was unchanged at 114.1 and rentals were steady at 113.4.

The composite index of farm product wholesale prices rose .2 points to 113.5 between the weeks of Nov. 29 and Dec. 27.

The composite level for 30 industrial material prices rose .5 points to 106.3 between Nov. 29 and Dec. 27 supported mainly by higher quotations for food materials. The index for this group registered a gain of 1.6 points to 106.5 due to further strength in hogs and steers.

Deluge Threatens In Tiny Pacific Atoll

BULLETIN

HONOLULU, Jan. 5—(AP)—The first rescue plane to reach Palmyra has been sent back to Johnston Island as "not needed", the navy reported today from the tiny atoll, inundated by waves of a vast Pacific storm that also smashed at Hawaii and lashed Alaska and the Aleutians.

HONOLULU, Jan. 5 — (AP) — Tiny Palmyra atoll, more than 1,000 miles south of Honolulu, was inundated by stormy seas before dawn today.

Its Navy and Coast Guard force of 108 men and five civilian scientists and their families survived the deluge, but two planes flew quickly to the island and were standing by for rescue operations if the next high tide should again sweep the low-lying dots of land.

A Coast Guard cutter, an army freighter and a navy destroyer were en route to Palmyra under forced draft, with the first expected to arrive early Monday.

While the two B17's which reached Palmyra from Oahu and Johnston Island could not evacuate all personnel, Vice Admiral John Hall, 14th Naval District Commandant, said there were numbers of small boats in which all could keep afloat if needed.

He said the atoll's airstrips were reported usable and there was plenty of gasoline, but the evacuation—if required—might be a tricky thing, as flood waters could make the strips at least temporarily unusable.

Palmyra's ordeal by water first became known in a series of tersely-worded but nerve-tingling appeals for help broadcast by the island's small radio station before daylight.

N. B. Foxmen Discuss Fur Marketing Plan

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 5—(CP)—A plan for marketing fox pelts under the Agricultural Products Co-operative Marketing Act was discussed at a weekend meeting of the executive of the New Brunswick Fox Breeders Association with breeders who exhibited pelts in the 9th annual provincial fox pelt show at Salisbury.

Suggestions for improving the marketing system for pelts were offered at the meeting, and later the association executive agreed to send a delegation to Ottawa to negotiate an agreement under the act.

Judging in the provincial show ended Saturday afternoon. The prize pelts will be shipped to Saint John tomorrow for public display.

Twenty New Brunswick breeders exhibited about 450 pelts in the show.

Prominent Teacher And Minister Dies

TORONTO, Jan. 5—(CP)—Prominent teacher and minister, Rev. Jacobs J. Baker, 92, died in hospital here Saturday. During his long career he was, at various times, on the staff of McMaster University, Hamilton; principal of Harding Hall, London, Ont., and pastor of churches in Fonthill, Belleville, Sparta and Saint John, N. B.

Born at Baker Hill, Ont, Mr. Baker attended Woodstock College and the University of Toronto.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ida Emma Fetch Baker, Toronto; three sons, Dr. P. Baker of Troy, N.Y., Dr. A. C. Baker of Mexico City, and Prof. A. W. Baker of Guelph, Ont.

Await Details Of Town Planning Bill

LONDON, Jan. 5—(CP Cable)—Publication is expected within a few days of a town and country planning bill which would give the government control over the use of land and would make new arrangements for compensation of owners affected by planning projects.

First reading of the bill was given Dec. 20 in the House of Commons and both government supporters and the opposition are waiting anxiously for the terms of what will be a bulky measure designed to smooth out the wrinkles on the face of old England.

Planning will be applied throughout England and Wales and not only to large cities. The governments over-all purpose is to preserve the beauty of the countryside and to control the redevelopment of dreary towns. Highways likely will be straightened to facilitate transport and the location of airfields and railways will be taken into account.

Report Plot In Hungary Smashed

BUDAPEST, Jan. 4—(AP)—Lazlo Rajk, Communist Minister of the Interior, Saturday said 55 persons had been seized in connection with a plot to overthrow the Government and re-establish the regime of Adm. Nicholas Horthy by an armed revolt to be touched off the moment Russian troops leave the country.

Anti-Communists immediately charged that the plot was a Communist "frameup" designed to dispense with the opposition and entrench the present political order for the time when the Russian occupation troops depart.

Italian Premier In Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 —(AP) — Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi arrived today by plane to seek an American loan and post-U. N. R. R. A. help for his riot-plagued country.

The 65-year-old Italian leader stepped off a United States army transport after a rough trans-Atlantic trip and told reporters "this help can be tremendous."

The lean, hawk-faced premier was accompanied by his 23-year-old daughter, Anna Romana, who said she had many requests from friends for "those famous fountain pens that write for two years—and nylon stockings."

Towing Damaged Freighter Into Port

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 5—(AP)—A new towline was made fast today to the leaking 3,678-ton Panamanian freighter Kotor which radioed an SOS with 15 feet of water in her no. 2 hold after a line to the Coast Guard cutter Algonquin snapped 20 miles off Block Island.

While four other rescue vessels proceeded to the freighter's side, the Algonquin began towing her into Newport.

The Kotor ran aground off the west end of Nantucket Island Friday night. Two cutters pulled her to deep water Saturday. Unable to proceed under her own power because of a damaged steering mechanism, the freighter was taken in tow by the Algonquin.

Departure In April Of Rev. Mr. Levy

REV. I. J. LEVY

After more than six years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlottetown, the Rev. I. J. Levy has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church, Moncton, N. B., and will leave his present ministry the latter part of next April, it has been announced.

Born in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, the Rev. Mr. Levy is a graduate of Acadia University and also of the Andover-Newton Theological College, Newton, N.H.

Before coming to Charlottetown in October, 1940, Mr. Levy had been four years the pastor of the Baptist Church in Sussex, N.B.

He is secretary of the Boys' Work, Maritime Religious and Educational Council.

Rev. Mr. Levy has been highly successful in his pastoral duties in Charlottetown, and both he and Mrs. Levy have a host of friends here who will learn of their forthcoming departure with much regret.

No appointment of a successor to Mr. Levy as pastor of the First Baptist Church has yet been made.

Anthony Eden On Holiday In Florida

MIAMI Fla., Jan. 5 —(AP)— Anthony Eden, former British foreign secretary, arrived with his family here Saturday en route to Trinidad for a 10-day vacation.

After his brief stay in Trinidad, he and his family will visit Barbados.

Balmy South Suffers Snow And Sleet Storm

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5 —(AP) — Ice, snow and sleet gave the usually balmy Gulf Coast a strange appearance Saturday. Famous azaleas, camellias and poinsettas, budding and blooming from unreasonable warmth, dripped with icicles or snow at Mobile, Ala., and Biloxi, Miss. They were damaged extensively. It was the first time in 20 years that Biloxi had seen ice-coated trees.

Hitch-hikes From Vancouver To Toronto

TORONTO, Jan. 5 — (CP) — With $4 in his pocket, Walter R. Stopper, 23, of Victoria, arrived here Friday night and claimed he had hitch-hiked 3,487 miles from Vancouver in eight days, nine hours and 52 minutes. He said his longest stop was an hour in Winnipeg.

"I figured I would get a job in Toronto," said Stopper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stopper of Victoria.

U. S. To Claim Big Slice Of Antarctic

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 —(AP).... The United States plans to claim a big share of the 6,000,000-square-mile Antarctic continent, officials disclosed today, and the strategy for clinching it will be considered upon the return of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Officials concerned with Antarctic policy decisions told a reporter that conferences will be held next spring on:

1. The timing of the first formal American claim to territory in the frozen southern continent.

2. Proposals to submit rival international claims to the United Nations to avoid endless controversy.

3. The nature of future American survey and occupation efforts to follow the navy's current 13-ship expedition and the smaller independent party to leave shortly under Cmdr. Finn Ronne.

Byrd most experienced of Antarctic explorers, is aboard the carrier Philippine Sea en route to join the navy expedition. It is due to return after four months.

The American claim is expected to be based largely on those in the northwest sector of the continent advanced by James W. Ellsworth and by Byrd. They said after the 1939-41 surveys that the United States could justly claim at least 1,000,000 square miles and perhaps 800,000 square miles more, extending to the south pole.

One area of direct conflict is the Marguerite Bay area due south of Cape Horn where a small British weather expedition has been dug in since 1943 on the site of Byrd's earlier East Bay camp. It is to this area which is claimed by Chile, as well, that Ronne's group will head.

Efforts of all the countries involved in the Antarctic scramble have been directed largely to strengthening their claims of discovery with actual surveys and occupation by expeditions.

Ralston Is Backed By Westerners

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — A charge that the Canadian railways are "giving the brush-off" to the provinces in the former's freight rate increase application was voiced by Col. J.L. Ralston, counsel for the Maritimes, before the Board of Transport Commissioners Saturday.

The former Federal Cabinet Minister was joined by spokesmen for the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia in criticizing the attitude of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific toward a request from the Provinces for more particulars on their application for a general 30 per cent rate boost in advance of hearings due to start Feb. 11.

Railways Deny Charge

At the same time, railway representatives disclaimed any intention of withholding evidence relevent to the hearing. They said some of the requested data was unavailable; some was on the public record and more would be brought out by witnesses at the hearing.

After two days of argument on the issue of advance information, the Board reserved decision until an indefinite date. Chief commissioner J.A. Cross said the decision would be handed down "as speedily as possible."

During Saturday's hearing, the C.N.R. rejected the claim of some of the provinces—chiefly the Maritimes and British Columbia — that the present inquiry should develop into a general investigation of Canada's whole rate structure.

A.K. Dysart, assistant general solictor for the Government line,

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TORONTO, Jan. 5—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Vancouver	28	38
Edmonton	30	36
Regina	1	25
Winnipeg	2B	5
Toronto	17	26
Ottawa	15	24
Montreal	16	26
Quebec	2	24
Saint John	7	32
Moncton	1	29
Halifax	12	34
Charlottetown	—	26
Sydney	12	23
Yarmouth	21	36

HALIFAX, Jan. 5 — (C P)— Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax at 11.15 p.m., Sunday.

Synopsis: A storm in the northern Gulf is moving rapidly eastward out of the district. It is followed by cold air which will move over the Maritimes during Monday. A storm appears to be forming in the vicinity of Washington and it should move northeastward to pass south of Nova Scotia Monday evening. It will cause considerable cloudiness and some snow over the southwestern part of the province.

Forecasts valid until Monday midnight:

Prince Edward Island:

Cloudy with widely scattered snow flurries becoming overcast Monday afternoon. Colder tomorrow evening. West winds 15 shifting Monday morning to north 20. Temperatures steady tonight at about 25 at Charlottetown but falling tomorrow to about 15 by late afternoon.

High tide this morning at 10.16 and tonight at 9.30.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.38 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.36.

Full moon January 6th, 11.47 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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