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CANADA'S WAR CRIMES TRIAL OPENS

Fire Causes Damage On "John Cabot"

Fire last night badly burned the forecastle of the S. S. "John Cabot", destroying all bunks, bedding, and clothing of the sailors accomodated there. The fire, which began about 10 o'clock lasted until 11.30. During that time the deck over the forecastle was burned through in several places.

Heavy bulkheads separating the forecastle from the holds of the steamer prevented the destruction of several cattle which had been put on board yesterday for transportation to Newfoundland.

The ship was to sail for St. John's today, but essential repairs will prevent her departure for at least two days, it was learned last night.

The "John Cabot" was at Buntain and Bell's Wharf when the fire broke out. City firemen responded quickly.

Coming Events

**Union Road Christmas Concert, Friday, December 21st. 12-11-1i.

**Dance — Montague Saturday. 12-11-4i.

**Wanted Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Fowl and Chickens. Eastern Packing Co., Souris. 11-29-18i

**Dance Vernon Bridge Hall Wednesday night, Dec. 12. McKenzie's orchestra. 12-10-2i

**Grinding wheat daily at the Ives Grist Mill, North Tryon. 12-4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15-6i

**Buying daily, live and dressed, Chicken, Fowl, Ducks and Geese. J. R. Flynn, St. Peters. 11-24-Stt-tf.

**Christmas Concert, Earnscliffe School, Thursday, December 13th. 12-11-1i.

**Christmas Conctrt in Mtrmaid School, Tuesday, December 18th. 12-11-1i.

**Dance, French River Hall, Wednesday, December 12th, if fine. 12-11-2i.

**Clyde River School Concert, Thursday, December 20th. 12-11-18-2i.

**East Wiltshire Christmas Contert, North River Hall, Dec. 17th. 12-11-17-2i

**Buying daily, all kinds of live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. Signed Davis & Fraser Ltd. 11-28-tf.

**Unloading car Bulk Barley, Tuesday and Wednesday. 2.00 bushels not booked. Wiltshire Dairying Co. 12-11-2i.

**Concert and Dance, Emyvale School, Tuesday, Dec. 18. If not fine, following night. 12-11-17-2i

**Come to Hartsville School Concert in Hartsville Hall, Thursday night, December 20th. 12-11-18-20-3i

**We require a lot of dressed poultry from Dec. 10 to 20. Will pay highest prices for good poultry. R. L. Dickieson. 12-8-6i

**Collecting Hogs each Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd Phone 64-3 Montague. James Shaw and James McLeod, Montague. 10-31-11-4i.

**Its the extra gain from Pan Honor Feed that brings results. Livestock Feed Agency. 10-4-6-tf.

**Our hog and dairy feed laying mash and chick fattener is especially put up and proven. Livestock Feed Agency. 10-4-6-9-tf

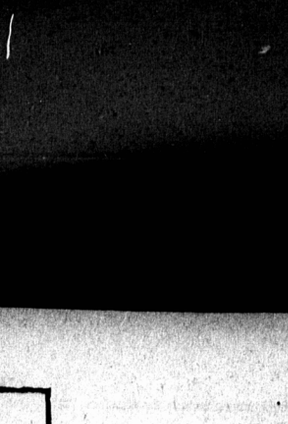
**Our Chick Fattener sure put on the finish. Livestock Feed Agency. 10-4-6-9-tf

**Embroidery, Baby Wear, Toys, etc., at Southport Institute Gift and Pantry Sale at Maritime Electric, Saturday, December 15th. 12-11-2i.

**Collecting Hogs by truck for Davis & Fraser, Albany and vicinity; also Emerald, Friday, December 7th. Phone collect, A. C. Green, Albany, or G. C. Green, Ecerald.

**Coming—Cars feed including: Wheat, whole and ground; Oats, ditto, and look-a-here, we are expecting a car of choicest bulk barley—Atlas Grain Coy. stock—that's good enough eh.—Book for a few ton, have the ground and then you'll have real barley meal. Livestock Feed Agency. 12-11-2i.

**Listen Farmers — Recent advices received indicate that grain shipments, whole and ground, are getting more difficult to get under way as the days go by.—No fooling.—So we suggest you stock up before you actually need it, if you're later going to need feed. Livestock Feed Agency. 12-11-2i.



Rapid withdrawal of U. S. troops from Iran is the task of Gen. Donald H. Connally, deputy commissioner of the Army-Navy Liquidation Commission, who heads the U. S. mission to Iran to speed "wind-up" of U. S. affairs there.

Patton's Condition Continues Critical

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 10—(AP)—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was in critical condition today but his rugged physique has aided him in resisting the initial shock of a broken neck and partial paralysis, United States Army doctors said.

Today's final bulletin from the United States 130th Station Hospital in Heidelberg said:

"General condition maintained. Reacted well to initial shock. Dislocation of vertebrae is responding satisfactorily to extension. Condition remains critical."

Little York Woman Dies At Sydney

SYDNEY, N.S. Dec. 10 —(CP) — Mrs. Eliza Jane Richards, 96, native of Little York, P.E.I. died here Saturday. She had resided here more than 40 years.

Warns Of New Gangster Era

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. Dec. 10—(AP) — J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, predicted today that unless strict precautions are taken "the racketeers, the overlords the desperadoes and the criminal scum who characterized the roaring 20s will come back to the American scene."

To a large extent, Mr Hoover blamed youth and the laxity of parents for what he termed the rising tide of serious criminality sweeping the United States.

Funeral Services For Lord Lang

LONDON, Dec. 10 —(Reuters) — Funeral services for Lord Lang, former Archbishop of Canterbury who died last Wednesday, were held today at Westminster Abbey.

Prime Minister Attlee and Lord Woolton, Wartime Food Minister, were among those attending the service.

**Souris Hospital. Visiting hours 3 to 4 P. M. and 7 to 9 P. M. The Welfare of the patients demands that these hours be strictly adhered to. The Hospital staff solicits the co-operation of the public in the observance of this. 12-8-3i.

**Feeding Quality Feed pays. Maybe you can on rare occasions, buy livestock feed? fifty cents per ton cheaper than "Atlas" choice grains, but if pigs could talk they'd say—quote: "that's why our tails hang down and we grade D's". Unquote—and an important point too. Think it over. Livestock Feed Agency. 12-11-2i.

**Attention Farmers Albany and vicinity. I will be loading hogs at Albany as usual Tuesday, Dec. 11th, but owing to impassable roads, cannot use my truck. For your convenience will continue loading again Thursday, Dec. 13th and will truck—roads permitting. Hope it freezes, so give me a ring. George McKay. 12-11-2i

**Farmers Everywhere — We are booking mixed cars of grain for groups of wide-awake farmers all over the province—and dealers too—every day. You can buy carloads containing 600 bags up, and consisting of as many as six or more varieties to each car. Atlas Grain Company products—and that's a guarantee of quality. Any group can buy. Order direct or we will do it for you. Livestock Feed Agency. 12-11-2i

British To Extend Operations In Java

BY VERN HAUGLAND

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 10 — (AP) — The British Command clamped wartime secrecy on troop movements and communications in strife-ravaged Java today as a prelude to full-scale military operations against rampant Indonesian Nationalist forces.

Tension mounted in the turbulent island, amid reports that large concentrations of natives were massing in the suburbs of Batavia for a march upon the Javanese capital. British troops were put on the alert.

Rising British anger with the Nationalists was apparent as rumors persisted that the insurgents planned a new uprising on a large scale by the week's end. An official British announcement put British casualties in Java for the period from Oct. 1 through Dec 5 at 916 — 145 killed, 604 wounded and 167 missing.

Thirteen Royal Air Force Mosquito bombers and fighters assaulted the mountain village of Tjibadak, 50 miles south of Batavia in what was described as the heaviest air strike of the Nationalist rebellion.

Two other villages near Tjibadak-Kampa and Tjimahi also were blasted by R.A.F. planes.

The situation was quiet for the time being at Bandoeng, despite the heavy fighting in the other West Java areas. At Semarang, at the north centre of the island, Indonesians were reported shelling British airfield installations, while British naval units replied with shellfire. Air reconnaissance along the north coastal highways cut of Semarang disclosed an increasing number of Indonesian roadblocks.

Mysterious Message Found On Pigeon

MINDEMOYA, Ont. Dec. 10 — A mysterious message, torn, water-soaked and for the most part indecipherable but bearing the words "we are very hungry" came today to this Manitoulin Island village in Northern Ontario.

It was attached to the leg of a weary homing pigeon which carried a band numbered CU-44 16416.

The message was dried out to night and flattened with a hot iron. Then it gave up these words:

"Require your"
"Pigeon in"
"Dar"

Between the words the message was indecipherable but in one corner appeared the sentence "we are very hungry." That was the only point of the message which was plain and distinct.

There were indications the message had been signed but that part of the paper was torn and indecipherable.

The message had been folded and placed under the aluminum band but is believed to have worked loose and become frayed.

Mauretania Docked Today

HALIFAX, Dec. 11 — (Tuesday) — (CP) — Wide awake and happy, thousands of Canadian war veterans lined the decks of the big troopship Mauretania as she steamed up Halifax harbor to the seawall early today in a drizzling rain. The 35,667-ton liner docked at 1 A.M.

The majority of the 6,011 passengers aboard the Cunard liner were up and peering over the deck rails or out of the portholes for their first glimpse of Canada. The Canadian Army with 4,717 all ranks made up the largest part of the passenger list that was composed also of 634 R. C. A. F. personnel, five Canadian Navy, 222 Royal Navy, 118 Merchant Navy, 21 British Army, one war correspondent and 293 civilians.

Youth Sentenced To Prison Term

VICTORIA, Dec. 10 — (CP)— Charles Kinney, who will be 18 years old this month, was sentenced today to 12 years in penitentiary for the slaying of 18-year-old Phyllis Stroud, a school classmate.

The girl, partially clad, was found dead in the house jointly occupied by the Kinney and Stroud families. She had been suffocated by pushing her face against a pillow. The girl's body was found in a sawdust bin 12 days after she was murdered on VJ-night.

On the witness stand, Kinney admitted the killing but pleaded he did not intend to do any harm. He said he and the girl had an argument. He slapped her face. Hearing her father, sister and uncle entering the house, he pushed her face-down on the pillow to smother her screams, the boy said.

When he released her he saw she was dead and in a panic he buried the body in the sawdust, Kinney testified.

Nude Body Found Stabbed To Death

CHICAGO Dec. 10 — (AP) — The nude body of a stenographer, recently discharged from the United States Naval Reserve, Women's Reserve (The Waves), a 12-inch bread knife thrust through her neck was found today in the bathroom of her hotel apartment.

The killer left this note in lipstick on the wall:

"For heaven's sake catch me before I kill more. I cannot control myself."

The body of Miss Frances Brown 33, the breadknife thrust through her neck, its point and handle protruding beneath each ear, was found in the bathtub of her blood-spattered, rifled apartment when her roommate returned from spending the night with a friend.

J. L. Lewis Assails Truman Labor Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 —(AP) — John L. Lewis today assailed the Truman plan for curbing major strikes as a "foul-smelling mess" and Eric Johnston cautioned Congress against acting in "haste."

Mr. Lewis, leader of the United Mine Workers, appeared before the House of Representatives Labor Committee considering the proposal to set up fact-finding boards to inquire into big labor disputes. While the boards were functioning strikes would be barred.

"This legislation," said Mr. Lewis, "would be the first drastic thrust with the knives of absolutism in the heart of America." He called it also a measure "to appease and protect a few millionaires."

New Premier

An eleven-day crisis in the Italian government was resolved when Alcide de Gasperi, above, accepted the task of forming a new cabinet in which Socialists will hold the key Interior portfolio. De Gasperi, leader of the Christian Democrat party, will retain the post of Foreign Minister in addition to premiership.

News Briefs

YARMOUTH, N.S., Dec. 10 — (CP)—Individual lobster catches since the season opened Dec. 1 were reported today as moderate but fishermen were assured of a good financial return as the price jumped to 37 cents a pound. The price at the opening of the season was 30 cents.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 — (CP) — Transport Minister Chevrier in an appeal to civilians to refrain from unnecessary railway travel during the holiday season said today railway congestion might result in some travellers becoming stranded.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 — (CP) — The National Employment Service made 760,122 placements between May 1 and Nov. 30—an average of more than 100,000 a month—the Veterans Committee of the Commons was told today.

TORONTO, Dec. 10 — (CP) — Ontario's birth rate increased from 18.1 to 20.7 per cent in the 10-year period from 1933 to 1943, Health Department figures showed today. Maternal mortality was reduced 50 per cent and infant mortality nearly one-third during the same period.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 10 — (AP) — An attack by 120,000 Chinese Communists on the strategic railway town of Lincheng in Southern Shantung Province was reported today in a Central Government dispatch which said the outnumbered defenders were "fighting bravely" and still holding on.

Bandits Get $4,500 In Montreal Hold-Up

MONTREAL, Dec. 10 — (CP)— Two masked bandits stole $4,500 today in a holdup outside an east end Montreal Unemployment Insurance Office.

Romeo Courtmanche and G. Legault were on their way from a bank to the office with money for the unemployed when the bandits stepped from a lane and held them up.

The civil servants threw their portfolios with the money into the street where they were picked up by the bandits who escaped in a dark green sedan waiting nearby.

Attempted Murder Case Adjourned

CASTALIA, N.B., Dec. 10 — (CP)—The preliminary hearing of George Forsythe, 60-year-old fisherman charged with attempting to murder his elderly wife by placing arsenate of lead in milk, will be resumed in this Grand Manan Island Village Dec. 19. The prosecution has rested its case after calling 10 witnesses to the stand. The accused is at liberty on $10,000 bail.

Minister Yields Ground On Vote For Charlottetown Harbor Improvements

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 — (Special) — Subsequent to an appeal made in the Commons on November 29 by W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's for a speed-up of repairs and improvements to Charlottetown harbor, Works Minister Fournier announced today that he had asked his officials to prepare supplementary estimates for this work.

"Since that date," Mr. Fournier said, referring to Mr. McLure's representations, "I have asked my officials to prepare estimates to call for tenders a little sooner."

The Works Minister's announcement was made this morning when Mr. McLure asked what the Public Works Department proposed to do about the resolutions from the Charlottetown City Council and the Charlottetown Board of Trade urgently requesting that the necessary funds for harbor improvements be brought down in the form of supplementary estimates.

Earlier, Mr. Fournier had told the House that these moneys would be found only in his regular departmental estimates for 1946.

When the Works Department estimates were being piloted through the chamber last month, Mr. McLure drew Mr. Fournier's attention to the fact that funds for these essential works had already been voted and the work actually started. He emphasized that Prince Edward Island was not asking for any new concession or favor. But simply that the government implement a project already sanctioned and passed by Parliament.

Debate Over Chickens

A formal full-dress vote was held in the Commons today over a box of 129 pounds of chicken which had gone bad in transit from a point in Nova Scotia to Halifax at the time of the explosion of the naval magazine at Bedford Basin.

Percy Black, Progressive-Conservative member for Cumberland complained to the House that A. G. Cochrane, administrator for the explosion claims had declined to approve the claim entered by Joseph Werrick of Oxford in compensation for the chickens. The shipment of broilers had been despatched to Halifax via the Ocean Limited and had spoiled

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Believed Victim Of Unknown Car Driver

An inquest into the death of John A. MacDonad who died in the Charlottetown Hospital nine days after having been admitted with injuries was held last night at the City Hall. Dr. James D. MacGuigan was coroner.

After hearing several witnesses, the jury reported as follows: "We believe that the said John A. MacDonald came to his death in the Charlottetown Hospital on Dec. 4 1945, as a result of a clot of blood lodging in the heart. We believe the clot to be a result of an injury sustained on Nov. 26 when the said John A. MacDonald was struck by a car driven by an unknown party, at or near Mount Mellick, Queens County."

The jurors were George W. MacLeod (foreman), James Brown.

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Closure Threat Heard In Commons

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 — (CP) — Social Credit members of the Commons at adjournment tonight showed no indication of allowing immediate passage of a resolution on the Bretton Woods international monetary agreements despite noisy opposition from members of other parties and a veiled threat of closure procedure by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Finance Minister Ilsley expressed concern that the tactics adopted by the party might prevent Canada ratifying the agreement by Dec. 31, the deadline at which 65 per cent of the quota must be filled.

Solon Low, Social Credit Party leader replied he would not "bludgeon" members of his Party into silence.

Escapes Jail, Is Recaptured

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Dec. 10 — (CP)—John Joseph Thomas, 13, Rocky Point, P.E.I., and Louis Edward Poulette, 17, Bayfield Road, committed for trial before the Supreme Court on eight charges last week, made their escape from the Antigonish jail last night.

Thomas was recaptured in the woods near here today and Poulette was arrested again tonight. They were arrested Nov. 25 and arraigned on charges ranging from jail breaking to breaking, entering, theft and obstructing the C.N.R.

Progress Reported On Civic Airport Housing Project

The Charlottetown airport housing project is progressing satisfactorily, Coun. T.B. Rogers told the City Council at its monthly meeting last night. The electric-light system will be taken over by the City from the R.C.A.F. on Dec 12, and he thought it might be advisable to install meters to discourage needless use of electricity.

Bills have been piling up, Coun. Rogers said, but within the next few weeks those would be rapidly diminishing in amounts and it was his hope that within six months revenue would be more than "holding its own" with expenditure.

Coun. P.G. Gay said he had examined some of the quarters now occupied. He thought they were very fine and worth more in many cases than the tenants were paying.

Coun. J.T. McKee said he thought Coun. Rogers had done a good job at the airport and that the project was more than half way "over the hump" of expenses.

Coun. Rogers said a school would be started at the airport after the first of January and reported Mr. L.W. Shaw as saying he did not expect any difficulty in the securing of one or two teachers.

Mr. J.F. Connolly, secretary of Reconstruction, told the Council the 500 gallon A.R.P. pumper which the Provincial Government was offering to the City for $500.

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Safe Arrival Of Cattle At Guadalajara

News of the safe arrival at Guadalajara, Mexico, of 325 Maritime cattle, including 120 from Prince Edward Island, was received by The Guardian yesterday from Mr. Louis W. Roper.

The shipment took eighteen days in transit, and was assembled at Moncton from various parts of the Maritimes.

The Island shipment, comprising pure bred and grade Holsteins, left here Nov. 20 in seven stock cars, Mr. Roper accompanying them as representative of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The fact that they all arrived safely is a tribute to the excellent care they received on the long trip down through the United States and across the Rio Grande.

The purchaser is Senor J. Gonzales Gallo, who has 4,000 cattle on his ranch near Guadalajara.

Severe Cold Wave In Eastern U. S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 — (AP) — The most severe and longest cold spell of the season chilled most of the eastern half of the United States Monday with no real relief expected until late Wednesday.

A solid cold belt with temperatures ranging down to 18 degrees below zero extended from the Rocky Mountains almost to the Appalachians, with the exception of the West Gulf coast.

Coming on the heels of "Indian Summer" weather in parts of the midwest, the cold wave dropped temperatures as much as 48 degrees.

Prominent N. B. Business Man Dies

CAMPBELLTON, N.B., Dec. 10 — (CP)—Anselme Francour, 66, a prominent business man, died at his home here last night. During his years in Campbellton he operated a hotel and bus line and owned well known race horses.

Murder Of Canadians Is Probed

German Witness Causes Sensation As He Changes Story.

By ROSS MUNRO

AURICH, Germany, Dec. 10 — (CP Cable) — The first witness at the war crimes trial of Maj.-Gen. Kurt Meyer caused a sensation today when he denied the accuracy of a document purporting to require S. S. troops to execute prisoners after interrogation.

However, the witness, Alfred Helzel, a gangling, 19-year-old S. S. soldier, subsequently altered his story under questioning by the president of the court, Maj.-Gen. Harry W. Foster of Picton, Ont., and Halifax.

Meyer, 33-year-old S. S. general, pleaded innocent to five charges that he incited troops to give no quarter and take no prisoners and other charges that as a consequence 41 Canadian prisoners of war were shot. A sixth charge to the effect that Meyer was responsible for the execution of another seven Canadian prisoners will be considered later.

The shootings for which Meyer is on trial in Canada's first war crimes case took place near the villages of Buron and Authie, northwest of Caen, and at Meyer's headquarters at the ancient Abbey of Ardenne, also near Caen, in June, 1944.

The executed Canadians were members of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, of Amherst and Truro; the Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto; the 1st Hussars, of London, Ont., and the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa.

Courtroom Electrified

The switch by Helzel, captured by the Canadians at Bretteville, northwest of Caen, June 8, 1944, and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Canada, electrified the court room. The shrewd prosecutor, Lt.-Col. Bruce MacDonald of Windsor, Ont., had to alter his tactics rapidly and treat Helzel as

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METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 10—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 32, 40; Edmonton 8 below, 15; Regina 3, 6; Winnipeg 12 below, 4 below; Toronto 28, 41; Ottawa 20, 31; Montreal 26, 33; Quebec 24, 33; Saint John 30, 44; Moncton 34, 43; Halifax 35, 47; Charlottetown 29, 41; Sydney 30, 49; Yarmouth 3, 46.

FORECASTS:

Lower St. Lawrence: Strong northwesterly winds and becoming much colder with snowflurries.

Lake St. John: Fresh to strong northwest to north winds; colder with light snow.

Gulf, North Shore and Bay Chaleur: Winds increasing to strong and moderate gales from northwest and north; becoming colder with light snowfalls.

Maritime West: Northwest and north winds increasing to strong and moderate gales; becoming colder with light to moderate snow.

Maritime East: Occasional rain, changing to light or moderate snow and becoming colder; northwest to north winds increasing to strong or gales.

High tide this afternoon at 3.49 and tonight at 3.04.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.18 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.28.

First quarter moon December 12, 5.05 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Charlottetown 12.15 5.45 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.20 8.10 p.m.

History Made As Lords Ponder Joyce Appeal

By JAMES McCOOK

LONDON, Dec. 10 — (CP Cable) —British legal experts today pored over law books running back hundreds of years in an effort to find a precedent for the treason verdict brought in against William Joyce, the American-born Lord Haw Haw of the German radio, who has appealed his death sentence to the House of Lords.

The appeal opened today before bewigged and robed Lord Jowitt, Lord Chancellor, in the red-draped House of Lords. Counsel for the prosecution brought up cases from ancient volumes which listed decisions wherein an alien might be found guilty of treason if he had enjoyed the protection of a British monarch.

Joyce had pleaded innocent in that he was a United States citizen when he started his propaganda broadcasts for Germany in 1939 and therefore could not be guilty of treason against the King.

It was futher stated during his trial that the United States was not at war with Germany until Dec. 8, 1941, and that in 1940 Joyce had become a German citizen, thus making it impossible for him to commit treason against the land of his birth.

However, House of Lords lawyers said today that ancient precedent indicated that even if an alien went to another land after enjoying the protection of the King, his effects and family might remain under the protection of His Majesty and his responsibility to the British state would continue.

Officials said history is being made in the quiet rooms, for the rulings and decisions on points of law given by the Lords of Appeal perhaps will be cited hundreds of years from now.

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