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FIRE CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE TO ALBERTA TOWN

1 Dead, 2 Wounded
In Shooting Affair

Believe Big
Steam Boilers
Exploded

Report Many Polish Farm Workers To Quit Land For Industrial Employment

Beef Shortage Still Acute In United States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Imports of Canadian beef cattle have done little to ease the high prices and shortages which plague United States households.

The Agriculture Department reported this week that 240,150 head of slaughter and feeder cattle entered from Canada between Aug. 16 and Nov. 24. Aug. 16 was the date on which the Dominion ended a wartime embargo on cattle shipments to this country.

United States agriculture officials describe as "unusually large" the exports since that time. But households still are meat-hungry and pocket-poor. Their butcher bills still are 25 per cent bigger than this time last year and 200 per cent greater than meat costs in 1942.

Charles F. Brannan, secretary of agriculture, says price controls would bring meat costs down. But, if controls remain off, he sees increased production of livestock as the consumer's only hope for relief.

"There's no mystery about the high price of meat," he says. "It's due to the premature death of the office of price administration. It beats me how anyone ever sold to the American people the idea that we had to scuttle price

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Coming Events

- *Dance and whist at Eldon on Tuesday, Dec. 14.
- *Christmas Concert, Victoria, December 22nd.
- *Dance, Bright Spot tonight, 9-12-30.
- *Dance, Cole's Workshop, New London, tonight, Canteen service.
- *Christmas Concert, Victoria Cross School, Monday, December 20th.
- *Regular meeting Abegweit Preceptory Kingston tonight, Seventh degree.
- *Reserve Wednesday, Dec. 22, for Christmas concert at Winsloe Station Hall.
- *Come to C.G.I.T. Vesper Service at Charlottetown Baptist Church at 8.30 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 12th.
- *Adult Music Group in Masonic Hall, Hunter River, Friday evening at 7.30. Everyone welcome.
- *Notice—Unloading car Screened Coal Friday and Saturday. Please get yours now. G.C. Green, Emerald.
- *New Glasgow Ice Racing Club will hold meeting at Blair Andrews on Friday night. All interested please attend.
- *Commencing on the 15th of this month, Milk will be 14 cents a quart. J. A. Sanders, Murray River.
- *The annual meeting of the Federal Creamery, Eldon, will be held in Belfast Hall, Wednesday, December 15th, at 7.30 P. M.
- *Buying dressed chicken, fowl, geese and ducks Tuesday, Dec. 14, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Competitive prices offered. R. L. Dickleson, New Glasgow.
- *Unloading Thursday, Friday and Saturday mixed car Shur-Gain feeds, MacKie and Co., Grafton Street (Canada Packers Sidings). Book now. Grains rising in price. Call 441.
- *Yes folks, it's an immortal drama at MacDonald Bros., Theatre tonight. Susanna Foster, Turban Bey in that great technicolor feature "The Climax." Show 8 P. M.
- *Pictures at Morell every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Show 8.00 P. M. Coming Friday and Saturday, "Thunder in the Valley," starring Lon McCallister, Edmund Gwenn, Peggy Gardner. This is a Century Fox Picture. "It's a Technicolor." If you see this picture, you'll like it. It's good.

One Killed In Car Crash Near Truro

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 9.—(CP)—A man was killed and his woman companion critically injured near here today when their car plunged off the highway and crashed into a tree.

Killed was Percy West Roberts, 45, of West Wentworth, N. S. His companion, Lucy Legevre of Cormier Village, N. B., was in critical condition in hospital.

An inquest was ordered.

News In Brief

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—(CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent told a group of war veteran civil servants today he expected to make an announcement on the much-sought cost-of-living bonus for civil servants within the next few days.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Russians made new complaints today about low-flying Allied aircraft planes over the Russian-occupied former German Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(CP)—President Truman today told a press conference that he approved of the St. Lawrence seaway plan and that he would urge Congress next year to take favorable action on the proposal.

NANKING, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The three Chinese Government army groups trapped by the Communists southwest of Suchow were estimated today to have suffered 30,000 or more casualties in their continuing struggle to break out southward.

Ontario Conservatives Retain Seat In By-election

Montreal Water Main Break Proves Costly

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—(CP)—Water still trickled out along downtown St. Antoine Street here today as workmen started to repair the damage caused Wednesday when millions of gallons spurted out of a broken conduit.

The big main which collapsed was shut off by a governing valve but a considerable trickle still bubbled up through the broken pavement.

The City Claims Department estimated tonight that damage would be far less than was at first feared as few of the most serious buildings in the flooded area contained perishable goods. The department estimated that it will cost \$40,000 to repair the buckled streets in the area, along St. Antoine Street from Inspector to Little St. Antoine Street.

Most serious damage to the break was the loss of water in the Outremont reservoir where the water dropped 11 feet. About 15,000,000 gallons were lost from this reservoir and Montreal householders were asked to be careful of consumption until stocks are restored.

Thorsby Was Faced With Destruction

THORSBY, Alta., Dec. 9.—(CP)—Fire that earlier today destroyed a section of this municipality some 35 miles southwest of Edmonton, tonight was reliably reported to be under control.

Although telephonic communication between Thorsby and Edmonton was not possible as the exchange is closed at certain hours, a fire department official at Leduc, Alta., some 20 miles from Thorsby, said he had heard "on good authority" that the fire is under control.

Extent of destruction or damage is not officially known but early reports said that the fire broke out in a one-storey building housing a radio shop and several apartment suites.

The blaze is said to have destroyed apart from the radio shop and apartments, a barber shop, a beauty parlor and a two-storey general store.

Although there was no wind, firefighters were handicapped by 20° below zero temperatures. Townspeople hastily organized bucket brigades but were at first unable to cope with the situation.

Both the Edmonton and Leduc Fire Departments were notified but were unable to send equipment as they feared to release equipment that might be needed.

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Decide Flaming Object Over Maine Was Meteor

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Maine's "flaming object" mystery was apparently cleared up tonight with a report that it was a meteor.

Robert M. Dole, retired Portland Weather Bureau meteorologist, identified the fiery mass in the sky—widely reported about dusk Wednesday—as a meteor.

"They are common at this time of the year," Dole said.

CHANG KAI-SHEK'S SON NOW REPORTED SAFE

NANKING, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The official Chinese central news agency reported today that Col. Chiang Wei-Kuo had arrived in Pengpu. The adopted son of Chiang Kai-Shek previously was reported with the armistice trapped southwest of Suchow. He is chief of staff of the armored corps.

CUXHAVEN, Germany, Dec. 9.—(Reuters)—The liner Scythia sailed from Cuxhaven today for Canada with 1,300 displaced persons aboard.

Witness Refuses To Answer Questions In U. S. Spy Hearing

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Births Decreased In P.E.I. In September

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—(CP)—Last September the stark was kept busy in Eastern Canada and Columbia. But he didn't pay many visits to the Prairies.

The Bureau of Statistics today reported 29,900 births were registered in Canada during September, an increase of 800 over the corresponding month a year ago. Increases were shown for New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, but births decreased in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Marriages increased in September from 13,400 to 14,600. Deaths dropped to 8,800 from 9,100 for September, 1947.

Births in September in Maritime Provinces with 1947 figures in brackets:

Prince Edward Island 225 (260), Nova Scotia 1,491 (1,537) and New Brunswick 1,705 (1,512).

Declare 11 Cents Of Every Dollar Spent In Retail Stores Goes Into Taxes

Bureau Figures On Infractions Of Liquor Laws

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—(Special)—On the basis of figures published today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Prince Edward Islanders in recent years have fallen behind the people of other Provinces with the exception of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

In its recent bluebook "The Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada," which sells at 50 cents a copy, it is recorded that the number of convictions for drunkenness per 10,000 of population in Prince Edward Island in 1947 reached 358 males and five females. Only province exceeding this record was New Brunswick whose drunkenness convictions per 10,000 at that time reached 392 males and 11 females.

Nova Scotia stands in top place for convictions for offenses against liquor laws in the province.

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Saint John Man Wounded With Home-made Pistol

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 9.—(CP)—Found by children a "toy" pistol proved real today when a bullet fired by a 12-year-old seriously wounded his uncle while he sat at dinner. The victim, Ole Langille, 38, of St. Martin's, was reported in fair condition in hospital tonight.

Langille's nephew obtained the single-shot, home-made weapon from a playmate who had found it abandoned near railway tracks. The child entered the Saint John home of Hugh Langille as the family sat at dinner.

"Put up your hands," he piped, and pulled the trigger of the "toy."

Ole Langille, a visitor and brother of Hugh, was struck by the .22 calibre slug, which lodged in his abdomen. For a moment the rest of the family thought he was playing, reacting to the crack of the pistol and the child's command.

Mrs. Langille saw him slump and found blood on his shirtfront. While police were called, Langille was removed to hospital. He lapsed into unconsciousness on the way.

The boy said he had been playing with the weapon for about an hour before he entered the house. A playmate had discovered it on the ground near the railway tracks. It was loaded and cocked.

Police believe the pistol was thrown away, perhaps by a transient.

An operation was performed to remove the bullet. Later, Langille's condition was reported unchanged.

Young Prince Will Be Christened Wednesday

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(CP)—Princess Elizabeth's son will be christened next Wednesday in a private family gathering at Buckingham Palace, it was officially announced tonight.

The prince's name and the names of the godparents chosen by the Princess and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, will be announced on the christening day. It was reported that but for the illness of the King, the infant prince might have been christened in the little church of St. Mary Magdalene at Sandringham, where the King was christened 52 years ago.

The private chapel at Buckingham Palace, scene of many former royal christenings including that of Princess Elizabeth, was wrecked by a German bomb during the war and is still not usable.

One of the state rooms on the first floor of the palace will probably be specially prepared for the ceremony.

If recent precedent is followed, the Archbishop of Canterbury will baptize the prince.

The christening robe will be the historic robe of Honiton lace over a satin petticoat, worn by all Queen Victoria's children at their baptisms.

The robe was given by Queen

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Victoria to Queen Mary in 1894 for the christening of her eldest son and it was worn by the King, by all his brothers and by the Princess Royal at their christenings.

It was worn later by Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, the children of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and of the late Duke and of the Duchess of Kent.

The baptismal water will be in the silver gilt lily font, a beautifully-shaped bowl embossed with lilies. The font was made to the order of Queen Victoria for the christening of her children and has been used at all christenings of the royal family since.

If Princess Elizabeth follows precedent all the prince's godparents will be members of the royal family. Precedent, however, offers less guidance on the question of how many sponsors there will be.

Two of the baby's sponsors will probably be Princess Margaret and Earl Mountbatten, the Duke of Edinburgh's uncle.

If the young couple accept the example of their parents, they will bestow few names. Princess Elizabeth has only three names, Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, and her sister too, Margaret Rose. The Duke has only one—Philip.

The King, who was christened at Sandringham, has four names

Blames Liberals For Rates Boost

By a Canadian Press Staff Writer

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S., Dec. 9.—(CP)—National leader M. J. Coldwell of C.C.F. today told a campaign meeting here tonight that Liberals from the Maritimes could have prevented the increase in railway freight rates but were prevented by party interests.

Addressing a rally in support of Lloyd Shaw, C.C.F. candidate in next Monday's three-cornered Digby-Annapolis-Kings Federal by-election, Mr. Coldwell said because the C.C.F. is free to work constantly in the peoples' interests it was able to lead the fight against the increase.

Mr. Coldwell took the platform only several hours after George Drew, National leader of the Progressive Conservatives, spoke on behalf of George Nowlan, the par-

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BY ALAN HARVEY

PARIS, Dec. 9.—(CP)—Hon. L. B. Pearson, Canada's External Affairs Minister, said today the third assembly of the United Nations has served to consolidate the forces of world opinion against "reactionary" Communism.

In a broadcast, the leader of Canada's delegation here said the Soviets now have lost the support and goodwill they had at San Francisco when the United Nations was formed.

Every important issue in the assembly has been a case of "Communists against the rest of the world."

One exception was on Palestine where the ordinary lines of division were altered.

Pearson's broadcast was recorded here for broadcast in Canada over CBC national network.

Pearson added:

"The Soviet Union is using this assembly almost exclusively as an instrument of political propaganda. . . .

"As long as this situation exists we cannot expect the United Nations Assembly to work as it should. It remains as one great international forum in which world opinion can express itself.

"As such it continues to perform a valuable function and must be preserved and improved in spite of the efforts of those who would debate it from the high purpose of international discussion and decision to the level of an ideological brawl."

The only way possible to overcome the difficulties created by Russian actions, Pearson said, "by meeting them on their own ground, sticking to our points, but outlasting them and finally outvoting them."

This has often meant a 12 to 14 hour day but it was necessary, he added.

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