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VIOLENCE ERUPTS IN UNITED STATES COAL FIELDS

30-Year-Old Strike Occupies Commons Two Hours

SECRET ATOM SESSION—The United States' top atomic men gather in Washington for a series of secret conferences to decide "what changes, if any" must be made in the U. S. atomic energy program as a result of Russia's atomic knowledge. Here, at the session, are (left to right, seated) David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission; Sumner Pike and Lewis L. Strauss, commission members; (standing) Gordon Dean, of the commission, and Sen. Brien McMahon (D., Conn.), chairman of the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee.

Auto & Passenger Figures Show Big Increase This Year

An increase of 3,307 passengers and 1,674 autos ferried on the Wood Islands-Caribou service during May to September, inclusive, this year over the corresponding period last year is reported by the Northumberland Ferries Ltd. A decrease of 126 in trucks is shown in this year's figures.

Totals for the 1949 May-September season, with the corresponding figures for 1948 in brackets, are as follows:

Passengers, 57,400 (54,093). Autos, 14,227 (12,653). Trucks, 3,740 (3,866).

WHEAT EXPORTS

OTTAWA, Oct. 3 — (CP) — Canada exported 74,013,774 bushels of wheat to countries other than the United Kingdom during the 1948-49 crop year at an average price of $2.22 a bushel, it was shown today in a return tabled in the Commons by Trade Minister Howe. The return showed 146,342,802 bushels were sold to the United Kingdom under the British-Canadian wheat agreement during the crop year which ended July 31. The contract calls for a price of $2 a bushel.

PRICE INCREASES

MONTREAL Oct. 3 — (CP) — The price of United States newspapers in Montreal went up about 10 per cent today as a result of devaluation of the Canadian dollar.

Coming Events

**Dance, K. of C. Hall, Souris, Wednesday, October 5th.

**Dance Dromore School, Friday, Oct. 7. Burke's orchestra.

**Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

**Legion dance, North Rustico hall Thursday, Oct. 6. Good music.

**Regular meeting of the Ross Credit Union on Friday Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.

**Dance, Fort Augustus School, Monday, October 10th. Burke's Orchestra.

**Now buying Timothy Seed, Registered, Cleaned or Uncleaned. McGuigan and Boyle.

**Dance every Friday night at the Gordon Lodge. Good music. Dancing from 9 till 1.

**Dance in Emerald Hall, Monday night, October 10th. Music by Hickey's Orchestra.

**Hunter River Starch Factory is open for full season. Apply for appointments at factory.

**Regular Dance at the "Sea Breeze", Victoria, each Wednesday. Dancing 9 till 1.

**Show "Drums Along the Mohawk" at Bradalbane tonight at 8.30. Dance after show.

**Annual Thanksgiving Chicken Supper, Wellington Hall, Monday, October 10th. Supper starts 4.30 P. M.

**Don't miss "The Mating of Millie" plus Three Stooges at MacDonald Bros. Theatre, Mt. Stewart, tonight.

**The National Film Board will be presenting a programme of films in Springton Hall on Tuesday, October 4th.

**Come to the hot chicken supper and bazaar at Cross Roads Church Wednesday, Oct. 5. Supper served from 4.30.

**Enjoy a three course Chicken Dinner at Lakeview Lodge, Cavendish by Avonlea W. I., October 5th from 5 to 10 P. M. Films by National Film Board.

**Come to United Church Supper and Bazaar, Chicken and Roast Ham. When? Thanksgiving, October 10th, 5 P. M. Where? Victoria Hall. 85c and 50c.

**Coming, Armouries, Charlottetown, Oct. 25 to 27, Trade and Industries Exhibition, featuring Don Messer's Road Party as entertainment. A Y's Men's project.

**Regular Dance East Royalty Rink Hall, Tuesday, October 4th. Eastern Rhythm Boys. Dancing 9.30 to 12.30. Bus leaving I. M. T. at 10.00.

**Will be buying live fowl and chickens every Thursday morning if fine beginning this Thursday, Oct. 6th. If quantity not sufficient will be necessary to buy only every second week. Buying from 8 till 12 until further notice. W. O. Myers, Stanley Bridge.

All-Time High Increase In P.E.I. Grade "A" Hogs

The percentage of grade "A" hogs in Prince Edward Island has increased from 35 per cent to the all-time high in 1948 of 50.4% over the last eight years, while the all-Canadian increase has been only .2%, according to figures released yesterday by Mr. Harold Heartz of the Dominion Marketing Service for Livestock.

Increases over the same period in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick show 2.9% and .5% respectively, Nova Scotia being the only other province to show an appreciable increase in the period.

The feature of the Island increase has been the steady year-to-year gains which is attributed to the constant improvement in Island breeding stock. Another factor in the increase of top grade hogs is the Department's policy of advising the individual farmers who are losing premiums through a lack of understanding of the weight requirements.

During the last two weeks, Island hog marketing has increased approximately 100% over the same two weeks last year. In 1948, the Island total was almost 50% of the total production of 175,504 hogs produced in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Total Island hog production has increased almost 100% in the last 10 years.

These production figures do not include the increasing export of breeding stock from the Province.

Grade "A" Hog grading percentages for P.E.I., the Maritimes and Canada for the past 8 years:

Year	P.E.I.	Can.	N.S.	N.B.
1941	35.0	31.5	34.8	34.1
1942	39.0	29.9	38.5	36.2
1943	39.8	27.9	31.3	35.5
1944	41.1	28.2	31.7	32.4
1945	45.1	32.1	38.4	36.5
1946	45.0	32.4	41.7	34.5
1947	48.9	31.6	34.6	35.1
1948	50.4	31.7	37.7	34.6

Manitoba Has Highest Old Age Pension

OTTAWA, Oct. 3 — (CP) — Manitoba pays the highest average old-age pension of any Canadian Province and Prince Edward Island pays the lowest, it was shown in a Commons return tabled today by Health Minister Martin.

The average Manitoba pension was $37.86 a month. In Prince Edward Island the average pension was $26.42 a month.

The return answered questions by Stanley Knowles (CCF-Winnipeg North Centre).

The highest blind pension — $38.85 a month—is paid by New Brunswick.

Average old-age pensions in each Province, with the average blind pension in brackets: British Columbia $29.29 ($29.31); Alberta $32.23 ($28.98); Saskatchewan $37.12 ($38.78); Manitoba $37.86 ($38.55); Ontario $37.06 ($37.64); Quebec $28.94 ($29.86); New Brunswick $30.15 ($38.85); Nova Scotia $30.24 ($38.47); Prince Edward Island $26.42, ($28.63); Northwest Territories $28.75 ($30).

RETIRED LOGGER KILLED

VANCOUVER, Oct. 3 — (CP) — A retired logger, William Kelly, was slain with an axe yesterday. The 63-year-old logger's body, his head split open, was discovered in a small cabin on Powell Street. Police, who said three men have been questioned, believe the slaying followed a Saturday night "canned heat" drinking party.

MINESWEEPER SINKS

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 3 —(AP) — The Argentine navy announced today the minesweeper Fournier, missing since Sept. 21 with 68 persons aboard, had sunk in the Strait of Magellan. It was not announced whether any of them were saved.

ACCUSED TAKES OWN LIFE

VANCOUVER, Oct. 3 — (CP)— F. E. Smith, 75, awaiting trial for the murder of his 75-year-old wife, hanged himself in his Okalla Prison Farm cell today, officials reported. The Smiths had been married 50 years.

Will Advertise For Police Chief

"We have definitely decided we are going to appoint a new Chief of Police," declared Mayor B. Earle MacDonald at a special meeting of the City Council last evening.

The Mayor stated that there were already two applications for the position, following the announcement of Chief A. Birtwistle's proposed retirement. After some discussion it was decided to advertise in the local press and suitable police magazines. The salary to be advertised was decided as $2,400 per annum.

In the matter of parking meters, Coun. Beaton objected to the type of meters installed in Summerside. He stated that he had collected 12 cents from four plugged meters there in one row and that was very unsatisfactory from a collection point of view.. The Mayor stated that others were being considered but, with the winter coming on they "were not worth bothering about" just now.

The Mayor and councillors took strong exception to the way the contractors left the Alexander Drive housing project like a "pig-pen." He said he was "ashamed of the conditions where they got no mail and might as well be living out in Tracadie."

Stating that he had been in correspondence with the Department of Reconstruction since last spring, when the landscaping and further development of the area was definitely promised, the Mayor said that the contractors had sent a representative to see him on September 6 and he had promised immediate action. But nothing had been done since.

"The City has done everything. We should do it ourselves and charge it to them," he concluded.

The Mayor paid another tribute to Mr. James Fullerton who, he reported was coming along "wonderfully well. He has given the City unstintingly of his energies and we will have to see to it that he is not worked so hard when he returns in a very short time," said the Mayor.

Private Members' Resolutions Are Before House

(By D'Arcy O'Donnell)

OTTAWA, Oct. 3—(CP)— The Commons today spent more than two hours discussing the loss of pension rights by Canadian Pacific Railway employees who participated in strikes more than 30 years ago.

The debate came on one of the first days devoted to private members' resolutions since the outbreak of the Second World War more than 10 years ago.

It centred on a resolution, sponsored by Stanley Knowles (CCF-Winnipeg North Centre), which called for establishment of a Royal Commission to determine a settlement of the pension issue, discussed intermittently since 1937.

Defeated In Vote

The resolution was defeated 105 to 38 after Labor Minister Mitchell and P. E. Cote, his Parliamentary assistant, said that the Government has gone as far as it can to bring about a settlement

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Adjournment For Thanksgiving Day

OTTAWA, Oct. 3 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent indicated today in the Commons that the House will not sit Thanksgiving Day next Monday, Oct. 10.

He said if it appeared to be the desire of members not to sit on the holiday then the Government would be prepared to move that the Commons stand adjourned from 11 p.m. EDT Friday to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Loud applause greeted the statement.

The question of a holiday was raised by W. Chester S. McLure (PC — Queens), who said the Prime Minister had much to be thankful for.

Mr. St. Laurent said he was always very susceptible to suggestions from the Opposition side of the House.

Pig Population In Canada Increasing

OTTAWA, Oct. 3 —(CP) —The Bureau of Statistics today reported a rising pig population in Canada.

The Bureau estimated this fall's pig crop will be 17-per-cent higher than in 1948. It predicted increases in all Provinces but Saskatchewan.

The Bureau estimated there were 5,163,000 hogs on Canadian farms June 1, compared with 4,463,000 at the same date in 1948 and the all-time record of 8,148,000 June 1, 1943.

Hog numbers by Provinces, with totals for June 1, 1948, in brackets: Prince Edward Island 63,500 (61,900); Nova Scotia 49,800 (47,800); New Brunswick 76,500 (63,400); Quebec 1,116,300 (975,400); Ontario 2,193,100 (1,768,800); Manitoba 303,000 (256,500); Saskatchewan 458,600 (396,100); Alberta 847,100 (833,900); British Columbia 55,000 (59,300).

Figures for Newfoundland were not contained in the report. But the 1945 census showed there were 11,443 hogs in the Province on Oct. 1, 1945.

Singer Machine Co. Workers End Strike

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Oct. 3 — (AP)—Five hundred employees of the Singer Sewing Machine Company went back to work today for the first time in five months. The company said the entire working force of 2,100, made idle by a strike that began May 5, would be back on the job by the end of the week. The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (C.I.O.) yesterday ratified a company-union strike ending agreement. President Tom Williams of the U.E.W. local said the agreement gave the employees protection in regard to the company's work standards system, the chief issue in the long strike.

POPE PIUS ISSUES DECREE

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 3 — (AP) — The Pope has decreed that the sacrament of penance may be administered in airplanes and at airports. By its provisions all priests can absolve penitents during an air voyage, after a crash or at airports upon condition that they are authorized by the bishops of their diocese or by bishops who have jurisdiction in the airport districts.

Hurricane Hits Texas Coast

GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 3 — (AP)—A hurricane struck Texas' richest coast strip along the Gulf of Mexico tonight.

The United States Weather Bureau reported that the Gulf storm struck and moved inland between Freeport and Matagorda. Matagorda is about 30 miles southwest of Freeport, toward Galveston.

In the storm area nestle dozens of small towns, more than 1,000,000 people and many millions of dollars worth of industry, farms and shipping.

Winds of 60 to 65 miles an hour were reported at Freeport. Hurricane force is 75 miles an hour. Galveston had 46-mile-an-hour winds. Baytown, north of Galveston on the edge of the triangle, had 56-mile winds.

A navy pilot who flew into the storm estimated its highest winds at 120 miles an hour. The Weather Bureau was more cautious. It stuck to "above 100 miles an hour" in its estimates.

City School Board Urges High School Requirements

Text Of Brief

Following is the text of the brief presented last night by the City School Board delegation to the City Council, in connection with high school requirements for Charlottetown:

"Careful consideration and investigation into the needs of a New High School for the City of Charlottetown has prompted us to bring this matter to your attention.

"We wish to submit the following reasons to support our recommendation that a New High School is essential to bring the standard of School Education in Charlottetown up to that of other Cities and Towns in Canada.

"(a) A New High School is necessary to provide up-to-date educational opportunities for the children of our City. Authorities have agreed that pupils should have varied courses to meet their different needs. At present all pupils attending school in the City must take the only course offered — that is—Academic. This means that all who are not academically minded become casualties. Beginning with Grade VIII the pupil enrollment drops off at an alarming rate. A New High School would provide vocational facilities which would enable those students, not wishing to attend University, to determine their aptitude in a par-

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A three-man committee of Couns. N. W. Lowther, J. D. Stewart and M. Alban Farmer to work "hand in hand" with the Charlottetown School Board in drawing up preliminary sketch plans and to "procure the most suitable site" for a proposed City High School, was appointed at a special meeting of the City Council last night. Mayor B. Earle MacDonald declared, however, that "nothing is going to happen right away."

A brief, pointing up the need for vocational facilities and the overcrowded condition of City schools, was presented by Mr. E. C. Baker, chairman of the High School committee of the School Board. Supporting Mr. Baker was the chairman of the School Board, Dr. R. G. Lea and Mrs. Gordon MacDonald, a member.

"We have reached our absolute capacity now," Dr. Lea declared. "But before another year we will have to go into an extensive expansion programme. We haven't been warned officially, but we may have to take over the 100 pupils from the Model School within a year or so."

Mr. Baker, answering Coun. Stewart's question regarding the Royalties being incorporated with Charlottetown, stated that the intention was to build an original 15-room school with adequate heating facilities so that wings might be added when required to accommodate high school students from Spring Park, Parkdale and Central Royalty. The site should be

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Montreal Man Charged With Murder Of Wife

MONTREAL, Oct. 3 —(CP) — "You could have prevented this murder had you taken the right action," a Montreal coroner today told a taxi-driver who appeared as a material witness in the street-slaying of a young woman here Saturday night.

Gaston Avon, 31-year-old restaurant owner, has been charged with murder in the fatal shooting of his estranged wife, Lucille.

Taxi-driver Roger Lachance testified at the inquest into Mrs. Avon's death that he had driven Avon to the East-End apartment building where the 28-year-old woman lived.

Although Lachance said that Avon had told him he was going to kill his wife and had showed the taxi-driver a revolver, Lachance said that he drove away from the scene before anything happened.

Coroner J.A. Duckett asked Lachance:

"When you saw him with the gun and he told you he was going to shoot his wife, why didn't you tell the police?"

"It was none of my business," replied Lachance.

That was when the coroner told Lachance that he might have prevented the killing.

"I didn't suspect anything," said Lachance.

The coroner's jury found Avon criminally responsible for the death of his wife, from whom he separated last July.

Later today, Avon was arraigned on a murder charge and preliminary hearing was set for Oct. 11.

Lachance was held briefly as a material witness but was released today. He testified that Avon had hired him to drive him around the block past the house where his wife was living.

He sat in the front seat beside me," Lachance related. "He showed me his gun and said he was going to shoot his wife. I didn't believe him. I didn't think the gun he showed me would be involved in a murder. I knew he owned a restaurant and I thought he kept the gun for protection. I drove him both Friday night and Saturday night. Saturday night he saw his wife walk toward 3445 Gascon Street and he told me to stop while he got out.

"I waited for a few seconds; then I heard cries. I stepped on it and drove down the street. As I drove off, I heard shots. When I stopped further down the street, Avon caught up to me and got in the cab again. He told me to drive him to Delormier Ave. and Notre Dame St. Then I left him."

Later, Lachance reported the incident to police. By that time, Mrs Avon's body, with three bullets through the face, had been found crumpled on her doorstep.

Police searched the area where Lachance said he had dropped his fare but found Avon later at his restaurant and captured him after a short chase.

Lachance told the inquest that Avon had paid him $40 for driving him.

C.C.L. Continues To Weed Out Left-Wing Element

By JOHN LeBLANC

OTTAWA, Oct. 3 — (CP) — Communist Party-liners in the Canadian Congress of Labor were thrown for a sharp loss today when the C.C.L. convention refused decisively to reinstate five suspended officers of the left-wing United Electrical Workers of America.

A 10-to-one majority of shouting delegates beat off an attempt at reseating national director Clarence S. Jackson and four U.E.W. colleagues who had been suspended by the congress executive last spring for a "slanderous" attack on the Ontario Federation of Labor.

It was the first clash of the newly-opened convention between left- and right-wingers, and it established without doubt that the anti-Red congress executive is firmly in the saddle..

Outcome of the test of strength made it evident that the executive's proposed expulsion of the leftist International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers — to come up later at the convention — will go through without trouble.

Effect of the U.E.W. vote late today was to leave that fourth biggest union in the congress — it has some 34,000 members — without representation on the executive council of the C.C.L., its governing body between conventions. Mr. Jackson had been the U.E.W.'s council member.

The body of the union itself is not barred from congress deliberations — it has a strong delegation at this convention — but the banned four will not be able to take part in congress activities until the suspension is lifted.

Executive spokesmen who took part in the 1 1-2 hour battle today in Ottawa's Coliseum made it clear that the suspensions were subject to review at any time and that the five could be re-admitted if they would go along with C.C.L. policy.

It was indicated the electrical union could have representation on the council any time it chose to put up an acceptable candidate.

One Dead After Savage Clash In Tennessee

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 3 —(AP) — Bloody violence erupted anew today in the strike-scarred coal-fields of the United States as the country's first doubleheader steel-coal walkout pinched American economy a little harder.

Gunfire pinpointed a clash between Tennessee's union and non-union miners with at least three hurt and two others missing. This came at the same time as 102,000 of John L. Lewis' men streamed back to the pits, the one bright spot on the strike scene.

With 400,000 United Mine Workers and 500,000 United Steelworkers on strike over pensions, the industrial snowball began to roll.

Dock workers walked out on the Great Lakes.

The Packard Motor Car Company said it will lay off 7,864 workers Thursday and Friday due to "shortages already caused by the steel strike."

Railroads announced plans for laying off additional workers—and started adding up their millions in losses if the walkouts continue.

The day's good news was for home owners who heat with coal.

Almost all the output of the returning miners — 80,000 anthracite workers in Eastern Pennsylvania and 22,000 bituminous miners west of the Mississippi — goes for home heat. John L. Lewis ordered them back because their output has no bearing on contract negotiations.

As for any plans for an early end of the strikes that could cripple the country's industrial life, they are most conspicuous by their absence.

Federal mediators are reported trying to hatch plans to bring an end to both disputes. But they faced these discouraging problems:

If they solve the steel problem, and not coal, steel would soon have to shut down again because of a coal shortage. If they solve the coal problems, and not steel, coal would soon have shut down again because of customer shortage.

TORONTO, Oct. 3 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Victoria 41, 53; Edmonton 33, 57; Regina 32, 58; Winnipeg 46, 61; Toronto 53, 66; Ottawa 43, 66; Montreal 50, 67; Quebec 41, 66; Saint John 38, 56; Moncton 30, 61; Halifax 38, 57; Charlottetown 36, 56; Sydney 33, 56; Yarmouth 36, 55; St. John's 35, 42.

HALIFAX, Oct. 3 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Monday evening there was only thin cloud over the Maritimes. In the Gaspe region rain was falling. Winds were generally light but in Prince Edward Island winds over 15 miles per hour were reported. Southwesterly winds have been bringing warm moist air into the district and temperatures are expected to remain above the freezing point. No great change in the weather is expected for Tuesday.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Tuesday:

Prince Edward Island: A few clouds during the night. Tuesday cloudy and warmer. Southwest winds 15. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown 45 and 66.

High tide today at 8.41 A. M. and 9.42 P. M.

Sun rises this morning at 6.14 and sets at 5.49.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY
WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9.10 A.M.	10.35 A.M.
1.00 P.M.	2.40 P.M.
4.30 P.M.	7.30 P.M.

SUNDAYS

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9.10 A.M.	10.35 A.M.
1.00 P.M.	3.00 P.M.
6.45 P.M.	8.00 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS — CARIBOU
DAILY FERRY
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Reports No Fire Drills For Passengers On Noronic

TORONTO, Oct. 3 — (CP) — A Federal Government inquiry into the Noronic disaster was told today that passengers did not take part in weekly fire drills aboard the vessel.

Captain Howard R. Baxter of Montreal, marine superintendent for Canada Steamship Lines, the ship's owners, produced reports which showed that fire drills were held each Tuesday without exception.

Capt. Baxter said to his knowledge, passengers did not take part in fire drills.

Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock, presiding over the inquiry, commented that such drills "obviously lacked any element of surprise."

John W. Pickup, commission counsel, asked Capt. Baxter if it was "good practice" to hold fire drills in this way.

"That is up to the master of the ship. All we do is ask that he hold a drill once a week," Captain Baxter replied.

In reply to a question by John J. Robinette, counsel for the Seafarers' International Union, bargaining agent for the crew, Capt. Baxter said that all members of the crew aboard the vessel at the time of the fire escaped because they were "familiar with the ship."

"They knew their way to the exits."

"When they knew they could do no more, it was easier for them to find their way out," Capt. Baxter added.

To a question by Captain R. Mitchell, commission assessor, Capt. Baxter said that "from the way the wind was blowing, the crew's quarters would not be subject to as much flame and smoke as the passenger accommodation."

Stanley Ridge, district chief of the Toronto Fire Department, testified passengers on C deck could not get out of their cabins by the 24-by-36-inch windows without breaking the glass in the lower portion or removing screens in the upper portion. He said inspection of the vessel after the fire revealed that each window was covered by a 12-gauge screen, 24 by 18 inches.

The hearing moved this afternoon to the fire-gutted hulk of the Noronic where members of the commission examined the ship's ruins under the guidance of experts.