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the free; confound the ignorant  
and amaze their faculties of eyes  
and ears.

There is no ancient gentleman  
but gardeners, ditchers and grave-  
makers; they hold up Adam's pro-  
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# CHINESE REDS' OFFENSIVE ON CENTRAL FRONT HALTED

## Strike Threatens British Railway System

### Scene Of Yesterday's Accident



Pictured above is the spot on North River where the half-ton truck broke through the ice yesterday afternoon, carrying Mrs. Gordon B. Lewis of Parkdale to her death. The picture shows the considerable area of ice which broke up as the truck went through. —Photo by Smith.

## \$255,000 Contract Let For RCAF Station At S'side

OTTAWA, Feb. 18 — (Special)— A contract for the rehabilitation of three 304-man barracks blocks at the R. C. A. F. Station at Summerside has been awarded M. F. Schurman and Company, Limited, of Summerside, The Guardian was told this week-end by J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince. Amount involved in the project is \$255,000.

## Coming Events

- Buying good second hand bags daily, Dillon and Spillett.
- Mail your films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Garden Seeds! Send for free catalogue, Arthur Vesey, York.
- Show, Morell Community Hall every Friday, 7 and 9 o'clock.
- Crapaud library concert postponed until further notice.
- Dress carnival, North River rink, Wednesday, Feb. 21.
- Concert, Argyle Shore Hall, Tuesday, February 20th. Argyle W. I.
- Racing at Millvale Driving Club Wednesday. If not fine, Thursday. Roads open for cars.
- Meeting New Dominion Farmers Institute, Afton Hall, on February 19th at 8 P. M. Please attend.
- Hockey North River Rink to-night, Feb. 19, league game. Milton Hornets vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs. Game time 8:30.
- Suffolk Variety Concert in Covehead Community Hall, Tuesday, February 20th. If not fine, following one night.
- Hear Charles Yeo, President of the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture over C. F. C. Y. at 10 P. M. Monday night.
- Young People's Groups and Junior Farmers! Why not enter a music by the Bertrams and Cy Birt. Comedy by Dick Turpin, at Brookfield Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 20. Springfield Women's Institute.
- Don't miss variety concert by Highfield Dancers. Songs and music by the Bertrams and Cy Birt. Comedy by Dick Turpin, at Brookfield Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 20. Springfield Women's Institute.
- Whole Wheat is considerably cheaper than either barley or oats. Let us quote you on your next carload. The Atlas Grain Company 30 S. Sacramento Street, Montreal.
- Hockey at Sandy's this afternoon at 2:30! Marshfield-Dunstaffue vs. Pleasant Grove. This evening Marshfield-Dunstaffue vs. York. Everybody welcome to Sandy's outdoor sound entertainment.

## Unions Call Proposed Boost Inadequate

LONDON, Feb. 18 — (Monday) — (AP) — The first of a series of railroad strikes and slowdowns which may paralyze Britain's intricate rail system began at midnight Sunday night.

All three major British railroad workers unions have turned down as inadequate a five-per-cent wage increase proposed by a Labor Ministry court of inquiry. Union spokesmen predict a full strike on the nationalized railways this week unless the offer is boosted.

The National Union of Railwaymen, the Railway Clerks' Association and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen have demanded wage increases of 10, 7 1/2 and 15 per cent respectively.

Basic wage rates, as listed by the National Union of Railwaymen, range from 96 shillings (\$14.40) a week for a porter to 138 shillings for engineers.

The first actual strike — by 3,000 freight handlers in the Manchester area — came only hours before representatives of all three unions are scheduled to meet with officials of the Government's railway executive Monday in a final effort to avert a full-scale walkout.

A greater threat — one which would disrupt rail transport in the heavily-industrialized Manchester area — was a strike call by leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen. This union's 11,000 members in the area include engineers, firemen, signalmen, guards and porters. This walkout is scheduled for midnight Tuesday.

## Montreal Church Damaged By Fire

MONTREAL, Feb. 18 — (CP) — The 45-year-old Peoples Church on midtown Sherbrooke Street was heavily damaged by a two-alarm fire late Saturday night. The interior of the building was gutted but the walls and a large part of the roof remained intact under the pressure of more than 18 streams of the firefighters employed to extinguish the flames.

## News In Brief

- MOSCOW, Feb. 18 — (AP) — Several experienced western diplomats in Moscow consider Prime Minister Stalin's recent Pravda interview an oblique bid for peace talks with the West, despite its strong reemphasis of Soviet foreign policy.
- NEW YORK, Feb. 18 — (AP) — The grand ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, where such glamorous girls as Barbara Hutton and Brenda Frazier made their debuts, was closed forever Saturday. The famed old hotel is being dismantled to make way for an office building.
- HAVANA, Feb. 18 — (AP) — President Carlos Prío Socarras asked Congress Saturday for permission to send a battalion of Cuban troops to Korea. Congress reconvenes on Feb. 26. Normally a Cuban battalion includes 328 officers and men. In wartime it may be increased to 1,000.
- SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 — (AP) — Communist China fired a furious propaganda broadside against little Thailand (Siam) today for what the Reds called "large-scale persecution" of 3,000,000 Chinese in that country.

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## Confident Eighth Army Can Remain In Korea

By Don Whitehead  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 — (AP) — United States military leaders are confident today the U. S. Eighth Army can stay in Korea even if the Chinese throw 1,000,000 men into the front-line struggle.

This optimism reflects a growing belief here that the "humanity" tactics of the Reds have failed against the firepower of a modern, battle-hardened army.

Some military men think the Chinese would have to put 1,500,000 men into an "all-out effort" to push the United Nations troops off the peninsula. And they figure the cost of such an offensive would be a crippling blow to Chinese military power for years to come and would wipe out a large percentage of China's best troops.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, says: "Under present conditions the U. S. can hold in Korea. They just can't drive us out—unless they are willing to pay an exorbitant price."

Officers who share Bradley's views on the Korean situation put it this way:

## Death Saturday Of Dr. B. C. Keeping

The death occurred at his home in Murray River on Saturday morning of Dr. B. C. Keeping (above), retired Chief Medical Officer for the Province. He was fifty-nine years of age.

In poor health for several years, Dr. Keeping retired last fall and removed from Charlottetown to Murray River. He became ill about a month ago with pneumonia but was reportedly feeling better when he collapsed suddenly Saturday morning and died almost instantly.

The late Dr. Keeping was born in Murray Harbour South, the son of William and Maria Keeping, who had settled there coming from Newfoundland. He received his elementary education at Guernsey Cove school, and Prince of Wales College, after which he studied medicine at McGill University.

During the First World War, he enlisted with the McGill unit, and was later transferred to the artillery at Boulogne, France, where he received his commission. Following the war he returned to McGill where he completed his course in medicine in 1921.

He first began to practice at Ver-non Bridge, and later moved to Georgetown. In 1930 he took a course in public health at Toronto University, and the next year was appointed to the Department of Health for Prince Edward Island. The following year he was made Chief Health Officer for the Province, which position he held until his retirement in November of last year. He also served for some years as City Health Officer.

Prior to this, he had served as Deputy Minister of Health when the Provincial Department was first organized under Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan as Minister of Health and Education.

With his wife, the former Mrs. Margaret Murray, he has three children, Kimball, attending McGill University, Dorothy, Mrs. E. S. Smeace of Ottawa, and Olive, Mrs. Ross Stewart, of Halifax; two brothers, Minter, in northern Alberta, and Ewart, in Murray Harbour, and one sister, Olive, in Murray Harbour South who resides with her mother, Mrs. William Keeping.

Dr. Keeping, family and relatives, the sympathy of the entire community is extended in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon from the United Church at Murray River.

## Island M. P.'s On Committees

OTTAWA, Feb. 18 — (Special)— J. Watson MacNaught, M. P. for Prince, and Parliamentarian assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew, has been named to four standing committees of the Commons in the allocation of members to committees yesterday. He will probably act as chairman of the Marine and Fisheries Committee when its sittings begin, and also holds memberships on the Railways, Canals and Telegraphs, the Library and the Restaurant Committee.

W. Chester S. McLaure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's, is also a member of the Marine and Fisheries Committee and of that on Mines, Forests and Waters. The latter is a new committee arising out of the division last year of the old Department of Mines and Resources into three new branches of government.

When estimates and the annual report of the Canadian National Railways come before the railway committee, it is expected that one of Mr. McLaure's colleagues will code him his seat. Mr. McLaure hopes to obtain information of importance on the P. E. I. ferry situation from Donald Gordon, president of the C. N. R., and other top railway officials.

T. J. Kichham, Liberal member for King's has been named to the standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization and to the Committee on Printing.

## Severe Blizzard In Scotland

GLASGOW, Feb. 18 — (Reuters) — A train and 23 passengers, trapped in snowdrifts for 24 hours while the worst blizzard in 28 years swept the Scots Highlands, were freed shortly before midnight tonight.

Within an hour of being released the travellers and crew of seven were safe at Fort William — the spot they started for Saturday from Glasgow.

The train was freed from the 10-foot snowdrift at Mannoch Moor, near Inverness, by a relief engine from Fort William after 70 men had dug through a drift 100 yards long.

A British Railways spokesman said the drifts started piling up again as soon as the train was released.

Nine persons marooned in a bus in the bleak Fann of Glencoe were dug out of five feet of snow today and brought to shelter.

## Child Suffocated

YARMOUTH, N. S., Feb. 18 — (CPA) coroner's inquest found Saturday that 10-month-old David Falls died accidentally when his father, under the influence of liquor, laid over his bed and suffocated him. The matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Department.

## Allied Forces Advance Up To Six Miles

TOKYO, Feb. 19 — (Monday) — (AP) — Allied troops advanced as much as six miles Sunday on the central front in Korea while an armored column cut one of the main Chinese Communist supply routes to Seoul and occupied an abandoned Communist headquarters.

Field dispatches said Chinese abandonment of their former headquarters at Yangpyong, 27 air miles east of Seoul, indicated deep withdrawal of Chinese troops from the western end of the central front.

One week ago, that sector teemed with Chinese at the start of their unsuccessful drive to crash through United Nations defenses and split the Eighth Army. The Red offensive stalled after the Reds in ground action alone lost 31,400 men dead, wounded or captured during six bloody days of intense fighting.

The Red casualty count from Monday through Saturday was an official estimate by the U. S. Eighth Army.

North Koreans Plan Push

While the Chinese pulled back, apparently to regroup, their North Korean Allies rushed up reinforcements for a new push against American and South Korean forces on the east-central front.

Beaten back in their first attempt to take Chechon in the central mountains 21 miles southeast of Wouju, the North Koreans "are making a planned buildup of forces on our front," an American divisional commander told AP correspondent Stan Swinton.

An estimated 20,000 Reds of the North Korean 8th Corps continued pressure east of Wouju.

About 8,000 to 10,000 of these were striking south toward Chechon.

Air observers reported 20 sightings of Korean Reds slipping south in groups numbering up to 800 men.

In the only air strike which weather permitted on the snow-covered front, F-80 Shooting Stars rocketed, strafed and dumped jelled gasoline on 200 Reds six miles northwest of Chechon.

Swinton said the Red buildup on the east-central front did not threaten to explode into a general offensive in the immediate future.

By capturing Yangpyong, the Eighth Army had cut a major supply route leading from east to west across Korea into Seoul. It commands the highway from

## Brand Stalin Interview One More Misstatement

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 — (AP) — The United States Saturday night branded Prime Minister Stalin's Pravda interview as "one more misstatement," and Britain accused Russia of using the "threat of overwhelming force" and "aggressive and subversive policies" throughout the world to prevent peace.

Other Western Powers joined the chorus challenging the Soviet leader's statement that only Russia and her satellites are following the road to peace.

The U. S. State Department declared that "Stalin and his associates have the power to remove the threat of war if they will" and added that there is universal belief that the dangers in the world today come from the Kremlin.

The statement, issued by Michael McDermott, State Department's press officer, said that "no man alive knows better than Prime Minister Stalin who was behind the Communist aggression in Korea."

Britain, whose Prime Minister Attlee was the immediate object of Stalin's attack in Pravda, speeded up delivery of a reply to Soviet charges of Jan. 20 that Britain had violated the 1942 Anglo-Russian alliance. The British reply threw the entire post-war record at Moscow.

In his interview, Stalin termed charges by Attlee in the House of Commons that Russia had not demobilized but was increasing her armed forces as "a slander against the Soviet Union."

London accused Russia among other things of having violated the Yalta agreement by assisting "Communist minorities to seize power" throughout Eastern Europe, attempted to prevent the economic recovery of West Germany, set up the Berlin blockade, turned down the Marshall Plan and made her satellites follow suit, and supported in the U. N. the "unprovoked aggression" of North Korea and the subsequent intervention of Chinese Communists.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Britain's "Red Dean" of Canterbury, sharply attacked Attlee and demanded a halt in British rearmament and other policies which

## Mild Weather Termed Bad For Spread Of Influenza

(By The Canadian Press)

Mild weather accompanied by rain and fog in most of Eastern Canada this week-end brought increased anxiety to health officials watching the progress of influenza outbreaks in many centres.

A Canadian Press survey late Saturday revealed signs that epidemics were continuing to abate in several communities including Montreal and Bramford, Ont., while precautions to be stepped up elsewhere. Many persons were ill in Northwestern Saskatchewan and in Nova Scotia's Cape Breton district.

In Toronto, where drizzling rain fell Saturday, Ontario health officials said the weather was "just the kind that spreads the flu—just about as bad as you could get."

The flu was declared a contributing factor in the deaths of

## Parkdale Woman Drowned In Truck On North River

A tragic accident, taking the life of Mrs. Gordon Lewis, Parkdale, occurred yesterday afternoon when the half-ton truck in which she was driving with her husband sank through the ice midway across the North River.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were crossing from the end of Brighton Road towards York Point on their way to Cornwall, shortly after three o'clock, when they felt the ice giving way. Mr. Lewis was able to leap clear but although his wife had her door open, a lurch of the truck as it went through the ice threw her back inside. It sank before it was possible for Mr. Lewis to effect her rescue.

Another truck travelling from the Charlottetown side picked up Mr. Lewis and turning around rushed to the Fire Hall for help. The Fire Department responded immediately but having no equipment for salvaging were unable to be of assistance.

A cut was made in the ice later, from where the truck had gone through towards York Point. Grappling hooks found the submerged vehicle which was believed to be resting on its top and it was dragged about three hundred feet towards the shore. The grappling hooks came free however, and the truck had to be located again. The vehicle was finally dragged into shallow water and the body recovered in the truck shortly before eleven o'clock last night.

Coroner Dr. J. D. MacGuigan ordered an inquest, which will be held this morning at 10:30 in the Cutcliffe Funeral Home.

The victim was in her 31st year, and was the former Rena MacLaren, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacLaren of St. Peter's. Mr. Lewis was formerly in the trucking business but has recently taken a position with the Bruce Stewart Company. There are no children by the marriage.

Surviving are eight sisters and three brothers of the deceased. These are Mrs. M. Cudmore, Phyllis, Margery and Barbara of Charlottetown, Mrs. Preston MacEwan, St. Peter's, Mrs. Milton Dobson and Mrs. Harold Birt of Halifax, and Mrs. Albin Douglas of Pennsylvania. The brothers are James of Charlottetown, Stanley of Toronto, and Fulton of St. Peter's.

## New Salary Schedule For Teachers Proposed

While the average salary of a teacher in Prince Edward Island is higher than it was in 1939, the increase is not sufficient to keep pace with the cost of living, it was maintained in a brief by the P.E.I. Teachers Federation to the Provincial Government last week. The brief was submitted by a delegation comprising Miss Mabel O'Brien, president, P.E.I.T.F., Mrs. Stella Bowness, chairman, publicity committee, F. A. Arsenault, president, English Local and J. W. Murphy, past president, P.E.I.T.F.

The following is the proposed schedule of salaries submitted in the brief:

First class, Statutory—\$750; 1st year — \$750; 3rd year — \$800; 4th year — \$850; 5th year — \$900; 6th year — \$950; 7th year — \$1000; 8th year — \$1050; 9th year — \$1100; 10th year — \$1150; 11th year — \$1200; 12th year — \$1250; 13th year — \$1300; 14th year — \$1350; 15th year — \$1400; 16th year — \$1450; 17th year — \$1500.

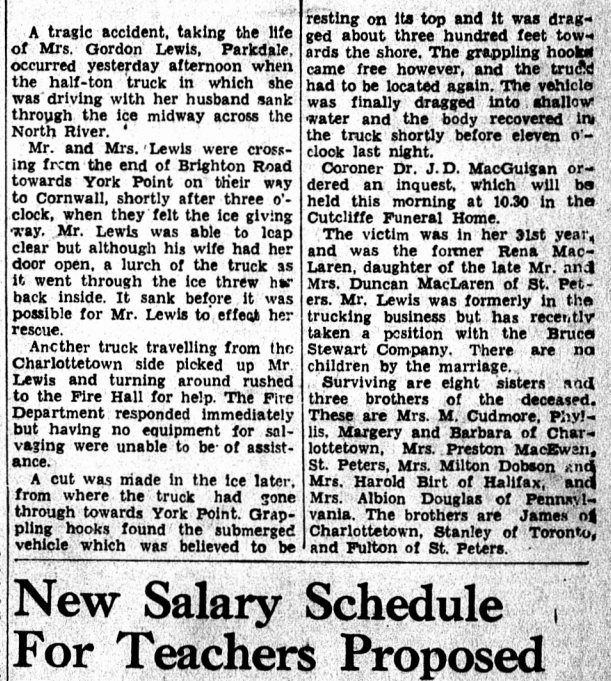
Second Class, Statutory — \$650; 1st year — \$650; 3rd year — \$700; 4th year — \$750; 5th year — \$800; 6th year — \$850; 7th year — \$900; 8th year — \$950; 9th year — \$1000.

## Text Of Brief

The brief, which was addressed to Hon. Premier J. Walter Jones, Hon. Frederick A. Large, Minister of Education, and Hon. members of the Executive Council read as follows:

"As representatives of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation, we wish to thank you for the

## Some Times The Office Backscratcher Has Claws!



## Minimum Temperatures Observed

TORONTO, Feb. 18 — (CP) — Minimum temperatures observed between 7:30 P.M. and 7:30 A.M. EST; maximum temperatures between 7:30 A.M. and 7:30 P. M.: Victoria 38 48; Edmonton 15 37; Calgary 24 35; Regina 18 20; Winnipeg 25 25; Toronto 34 39; Ottawa 25 34; Montreal 29 36; Quebec 31 49; Halifax 27 50; Charlottetown 22 44; Sydney 20 42; Yarmouth 22 44; St. John's, Nfld., 21 37.

## Official Forecasts Issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax

Synopsis: The weather continued fine and extremely mild in the Maritimes today. The disturbance causing rain in New England is weakening as it approaches the district. There will be increasing cloudiness with little or no rain is expected. The weather will continue mild.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Monday:

Prince Edward Island: Variable clouds. Continuing very mild. Light winds. Low early Monday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 20 and 43.

High tide today at 10:05 A. M. and 8:36 P. M.

Sun rises at 7:09 A. M. and sets at 5:46 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

## BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden Leave C. T. 8:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden Leave C. T. 6:45 P.M. 8:00 P.M.

## MCA AIR SERVICE

Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:30 A.M.—4:45 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—6:55 P.M. Lv. Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:55 A.M. New Glasgow only; 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:10 A.M. from New Glasgow only 4:50 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax. Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.