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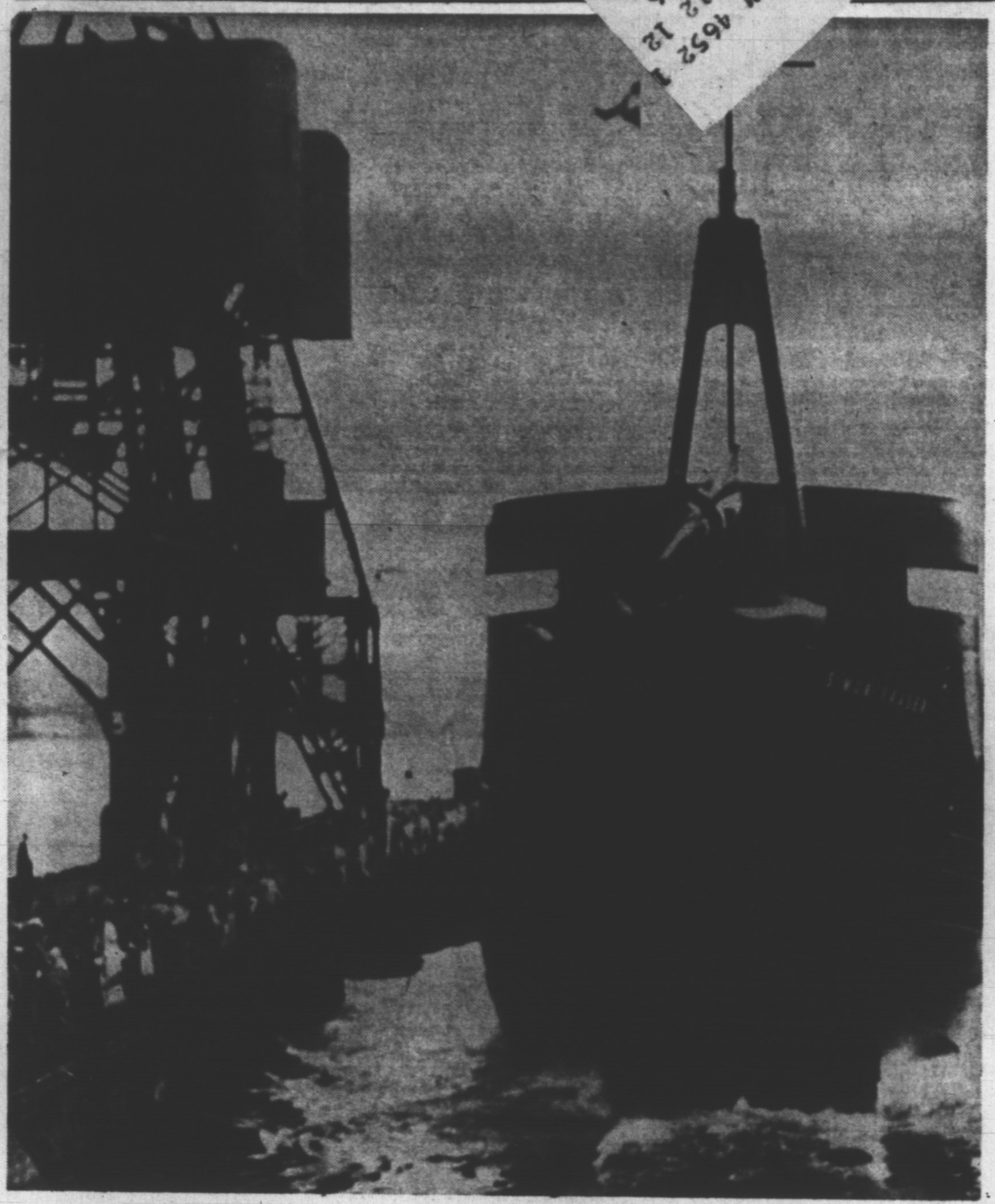

CHRISTMAS GIFT

The $3,000,000 CGS Simon Fraser, christened by Mrs. Davie Fulton, wife of the Justice Minister, slips down the ways at Burrard Drydock in North Vancouver. The 205-foot ship, scheduled to be completed by Christmas, will be used on coastal rescue missions and to supply government outposts in British Columbia. (CP Photo)

Benefits Seen For Island As Ont. Spud Crop Short

HAWAII BECOMES 50TH STATE

President Eisenhower signs the Hawaii statehood proclamation today making it the 50th state in the union. The ceremony took place in the White House. (CP Wirephoto)

Blight Lowers N.S. Production

WINNIPEG (CP) — Over-all potato production in Canada may decrease slightly this year but the west expects to grow more potatoes than ever before, delegates to the Canadian Potato Conference reported Monday.

Reports given to the third annual conference at the University of Manitoba indicated a sharp drop of production in the Maritimes, a decrease not likely to be offset by a general increase in western production.

Eastern provinces predict lower yields this year. Nova Scotia reported a problem with late blight, Prince Edward Island has a reduced acreage, and rains are urgently needed for the late crop in New Brunswick, delegates said.

Ontario will be short of potatoes this year, R. E. Goodin of the Ontario department of agriculture, told the conference. Crop stands are poor, sets are below average, and it looks like poorer potatoes than ever will be going in storage, he said.

MANITOBA OUTLOOK GOOD

L. C. Jorgenson of the Manitoba agriculture department said that the province should harvest about 200 bushels an acre, mainly of the Pontiac variety.

Saskatchewan still will likely have to import two-thirds of its consumption, and Alberta prospects are favorable, although progressively fewer farmers are producing a large percentage of the crop.

In British Columbia, the small acreage seeded is expected to produce a high yield—more than nine tons per acre — for a total production of 2,340,000 hundredweight of potatoes.

Mr. Goodin reported prices as high as 89 cents for 10 pounds and said Canadian growers were finally getting some benefit for the tariff protection which had been asked for years ago, but brought into effect only last year.

Dealers See Better Prices

All indications are that there will be stiff competition by Island dealers for P.E.I. potatoes this season. This will mean better prices to the farmer.

A decrease in the overall production of potatoes in Canada has been forecast. Ontario will be short of potatoes this year, Nova Scotia has reported a late blight problem and New Brunswick urgently needs rain for her late crop.

At present, Prince Edward Island does not ship any potatoes out of the Atlantic Provinces, the supply simply does not meet the demand.

A Summerside dealer said last night that he was inclined to believe that P.E.I. would produce just as many potatoes for table stock this year as last in spite of a previous 10 per cent forecast drop, which he maintained was on seed potatoes.

The shortage situation in the three provinces mentioned, he said, "could mean a good price for Island growers and dealers."

A prominent Charlottetwon dealer stated that if the situation regarding potatoes was as the press report indicated, the season would get off to a better start than it has for years.

Stranded Youths Die On Mount

FRANCONIA, N.H. (AP)—Two youths, stranded for more than 24 hours halfway up a cliff in the white mountains, died Monday just after exhausted rescuers reached them.

Word was flashed back by the rescuers who scaled the almost perpendicular cliff below "the old man of the mountain" that Alfred Whipple Jr., 20, of Gales Ferry, Conn., and Sidney Crouch Jr., 21, of Ledyard, Conn., were delirious when rescued.

RESCUERS EXHAUSTED

Crews of rock climbers had themselves become exhausted as they inched up the towering granite mountain wall by hammering iron pitons into crevices and lashing themselves to the mountain's face.

All the while the mountain was swept by wind gusts rising up to 50 miles an hour and near-freezing rain.

The later stages of the rescue effort were carried out in fog.

The rescue parties were being called back from the dangerous mountain as afternoon waned. It was explained that they would make no attempt Monday night to bring down the bodies of the youths.

Fleet Admiral Heads For Ex.

MONTREAL (CP)—Lord Louis Mountbatten, admiral of the fleet and chief of Britain's defence staff, sailed Monday for Toronto aboard the British frigate Scarborough.

Naval history was made in the St. Lawrence Seaway when Lord Mountbatten and his wife boarded the frigate at Cote Ste. Catherine lock near Montreal.

Lord Mountbatten is to open the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto Wednesday.

As he boarded the frigate, a huge Union Jack was broken from the mainmast.

Pointing to the flag Lord Mountbatten said that the last time such a thing had happened was in 1909. He said the Union Jack is used as the personal flag of an admiral of the fleet. But normally it flutters at the head of a fleet or a group of squadrons—almost never at the head of one squadron.

Three other British frigates make up the lone squadron heading into the Great Lakes.

5 Policemen And Small Boy Are Injured In Soccer Riot

TORONTO (CP)—A police call box installed near a soccer park because of past disturbances there brought hordes of police to the park Sunday to quell an ugly, stone-throwing mob.

About 6,500 fans rioted after a soccer match, injuring five policemen and an eight-year-old boy. The violence at the park in a residential section of west-central Toronto has prompted a move to close it.

Apparently inceased at a referee's decision, mobs of soccer fans swarmed onto the field and then clashed with the 16 police officers on duty. The game was between Italia and Hungaria of the National Soccer League.

One policeman barged through the milling fans to the call box. About 35 more officers arrived shortly afterwards. Three arrests were made.

Police said a constable was helping to keep the field clear after the game when an Italia fan taunted a Hungaria player and the player spat at him. The fan tried to run after him into the dressing room.

Italia had won the game 2-1 a few minutes earlier on the merit of a penalty in the last 30 seconds.

Constable Wilhelm Schlater was ignored when he told the fan to leave the dressing room area. A large crowd gathered around the pair and more police arrived.

JUMPS FENCE

The man pushed through the crowd, ran across the field and hurled a fence. He was arrested shortly afterwards in a parking lot.

The riot was witnessed by Toronto alderman Philip Givens, who said he would lead a deputation of residents to board of control Wednesday to demand the park be closed and expropriated.

Residents in the area of Fred Hamilton Park said they had complained previously about soccer fans but had been ignored.

During Sunday's disturbance 20 persons ran into the basement of a private home, apparently to hide from police and refused to leave.

DESCRIBED AS "SHOCKING"

Toronto Controller Jean Newman termed it "the most shocking thing that has ever happened at a sporting event in Toronto." She said she would support any move to close the park.

Police quelled the riot by swinging their riot sticks and chasing the fans away. Many asked to be hidden by homeowners and threw stones when they were refused.

One resident said soccer fans were cursing police and screaming "English Fascists."

CLC - Party Marriage Disapproved By Jodoin

WINNIPEG (CP) — Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, said Monday the CLC's affiliated bodies should affiliate with a new political movement now being considered but the congress itself should not do so.

The new movement, to be built around the CCF, will be studied at a three-day seminar of 400 picked CLC and CCF delegates opening here Friday. Mr. Jodoin commented in an interview after arrival for CLC executive sessions which will precede the seminar.

He said the seminar will discuss developments in the planned formation of the new political movement but will make no binding decisions. The idea of studying such a plan was launched at the CLC's biennial convention here in May, 1958.

"I believe our affiliated bodies should affiliate with the new party but I do not believe the congress should do the same thing," Mr. Jodoin said.

IMPARTIAL POSITION

He said the CLC should be in a position to approach and work with any government on progressive legislation. This might be more difficult if the congress had its own party tie-up.

Some affiliated unions might decide against endorsation of the new party, Mr. Jodoin said.

"The congress has to continue as a home for them too," he said.

Mr. Jodoin said the CLC wishe to avoid any impression that the new party is labor dominated.

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Germ War Said Greater Menace

PUGWASH, N.S. (CP) — British philosopher Lord Bertrand Russell said here Monday biological warfare may be an even greater menace to humanity than the hydrogen bomb. Lord Russell delivered the opening address to 25 of the world's leading scientists attending the week-long conference here on bilogical and chemical warfare.

"Although the cost of human destruction has been reduced to a few pennies a head by the hydrogen bomb," he warned, "biological warfare may make it even cheaper."

The 87-year-old peer said the great advances made in science and technology have made it easier for humans to both live and die. Lord Russell's speech was transcribed from his home in Wales.

Cyrus Eaton, sponsor of the conference, urged the scientists from nine nations, including the United States, Britain and Russia, to give the world the facts "however terrifying they may be."

"The folly of the statesman and the vanity of the military leader cannot be allowed to go on perverting the advances of modern science to evil ends," said Mr. Easton.

TRY TO JUSTIFY USE

Lord Russell said ". . . many attempts have been made to justify the use of biological and chemical weapons as humane."

"It is curious that advocates of the most horrible weapons of mass destruction always appear to be motivated by merciful reasons."

He said there was a possibility of small countries resorting to the use of such weapons because of the cheapness and ease of production. "This represents a threat to world security," he said.

Mr. Eaton said the United States should take particular interest in the conference for ethical reasons.

"It is inconceivable," he said, "That a nation natured in such high moral standards, and so strongly dedicated to the alleviation of human suffering should ever for a moment consider embarking upon a lunatic campaign to ravage and destroy defenceless women and children with monstrous disease."

Montreal Man Shot 5 Times

MIAMI, Okla. (AP) — A Canadian motorist was shot five times Sunday night and police Monday arrested two teen-age hitchhikers — one of whom, officers said, admitted the shooting in an attempted robbery.

The victim, Thomas Leonide Pourier, 39, of Montreal, was reported in serious condition at a hospital here. A physician said he was shot twice in the abdomen, twice in the groin and once in his right elbow.

Cigaret Said Fire Cause

TOMS RIVER, N. J. (AP)—County prosecutor Howard Ewart said Monday a disastrous county jail fire Sunday was caused by matches or a lighted cigaret passed to a prisoner in a padded cell.

He said one of two trusty prisoners handed a cigaret and matches to a "General" Petersen, 35, held in the padded cell on a drunkeness charge.

The fire that broke out in the cell filled the jail with smoke, caused an explosion and took the lives of eight prisoners, including Petersen.

Twelve persons were injured. The jail held 65 prisoners at the time of the fire.

Sheriff Harry Roe said matches and cigarets are forbidden to prisoners in the padded cell.

POLIO ON INCREASE

Health Director Urges School Opening Delay

QUEBEC (CP) — Dr. Berchmans Paquet, city health director, Monday recommended that school opening day here be postponed to Sept. 14 as a precaution against the spread of polio.

He said Quebec hospitals have admitted 33 polio patients in the last few weeks and the danger may be increasing. Three persons have died of the disease here. All have been from centres outside Quebec City.

Opening day is Sept. 2 for schools under the Roman Catholic School Board and Sept. 9 for Protestant schools.

Dr. Paquet said the situation is not alarming, "but it is easier to prevent the disease than to cure it."

The Catholic school commission is to meet Wednesday to study the doctor's recommendation. Plans of the Protestant board were not known.

MONTREAL (CP)—Thirty-two new cases of polio were admitted to Montreal hospitals since Friday, city health officials said Monday.

One person died, raising the polio death toll to 28.

They said the weekend cases brought the total number from Montreal, its suburbs and other out-of-town points to 444.

But they said the weekend figures showed a 30-per-cent drop from the previous polio trend. This, they said, could mean the current polio epidemic is beginning to ease off.

Total number of city cases was 198 Monday, while suburban cases number 89, for a total of 287 compared with 267 last Friday.

Twelve new cases from outside the Montreal metropolitan area were admitted during the weekend, bringing the total to 157.

Dr. Gustave Charest, chief city epidemiologist, said if the drop in polio cases continued, it will become more marked in the next four weeks.

"An epidemic takes as much time to come down as it does to go up," he sadi. "we will have to wait 10 days before we get the true picture."

$2 RACE TICKET BRINGS $70,386

AQUA CALIENTE, Mexico (AP)—Oh well, Monday is as good as Sunday to pick up $70,386 won on a $2 horse race ticket.

That's the way Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Foster of Los Angeles, explained it when they got around to the payoff window Monday.

They had left the track Sunday before finish of the fifth through 10th races, in which they had picked all six winners on their 5-10 pool ticket. Because they were the only ones to do so they got the major share of the $104,276 pool, the rest being divided among 21 who picked five winners.

One Rioter Is Arrested

DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters) — Club-swinging police charged 200 stone-throwing African women and made one arrest Monday as the wave of anti-government violence continued in Natal province.

In the incident at Camperdown, 35 miles from Durban, the women marched along the main road to the town to tell their grievances to the native affairs commissioner there.

Panic Hits Royal Capital; Citizens Said Fleeing City

VIENTIANE, Laos, (CP)—Panic hit the royal capital of Luang Prabang Monday as reports of Communist rebel attacks in the province reached the city.

Aout 50 families were reported to have fled the city.

Unconfirmed reports said rebels were operating within 30 miles of Luang Prabang, which lies north of this administrative capital.

Aged King Sisavang lies ill in Luang Prabang. Last week he turned over his full monarchial powers to his son, Crown Prince Savang Vatthana. The prince also is in the royal capital.

Rumors of other military engagements in Luang Prabang province are rife in the capital, but no confirmation is available.

Government offices in Vientiane clamped down on military news. The only official reports said the situation is quiet with no reports of military action.

There were no further reports on Communist rebel units last reported operating within 50 miles of Vientiane and menacing its only road to southern Laos.

Other Communist rebel units were moving around a French tin mining installation at Phon Tiou, 90 miles south of here in central Laos, informed sources said.

They said a French engineer at the mine reported by radio that a Roman Catholic missionary was stopped by armed rebels three miles from the installation and warned to stay away.

The sources said they believed that no French personnel has left the mining operation.

The mines are in Thakhet province, where the government reported some rebel activity earlier.

Informed sources said that during the weekend government troops evacuated their posts at Sop Vieng, 50 miles northeast of Vientiane, and Bacadinh, 70 miles east of the capital.

RAVINE SWALLOWS CAR

Torrential rains late Wednesday and early Thursday cut communication, disrupted power supplies and caused gaping ravines to open in Nipigon, Ont. This car was swallowed when the rain undercut the side of the road. (CP Photo)

Roman Catholic Unity Is Object

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the College of Cardinals, said Monday the ecumenical council called by Pope John will seek only to unite Roman Catholics.

The cardinal said the council will not deal with reunification with the Eastern Orthodox churches, which split from Rome 900 years ago.

Cardinal Tisserant made the statement to the Italian ANSA news agency in reply to a question about a furore at the World Council of Churches central committee meeting on Rhodes over contacts between Roman Catholic and Orthodox churchmen.

Pope John said in January, when he announced the ecumenical council, that it was intended as an invitation to the separate christian communities to seek unity.

EXPECT REPRESENTATIVES

Vatican sources said then that they expected representatives of the eastern churches, and possibly also Protestants, to attend at least as observers.

The council is expected to be held in late 1960 or 1961.

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