

City Man Fatally Hurt In Car-Train Collision

Accident Occurs On Edge Of City

Herbert Steele, 71, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Steele, Leopold Street, Parkdale, died shortly after midnight following an accident involving an automobile and a CNR train near Charlottetown last night.

The victim was taken to the City Hospital by an ambulance from the Charlottetown Funeral Home.

Dr. C.A. Coady, a coroner for Queens County, announced last night that no decision has been reached with regards to an autopsy or an inquest.

Surviving, besides his father and mother, are four sisters and a brother. Sisters include Catherine, 19; Patricia, 17; Janice, 12; Christine, 8; and a brother George, 24.



GIRLS ARE RIVALS IN 4,000-MILE RALLY

Rosemary Smith of Dublin, Ireland, (LEFT), one of Europe's top women rallists, will challenge Diana Carter's domination of the women's section of the 4,000-mile Vancouver-Quebec City rally which starts Saturday. Miss Carter, a veteran Toronto race and rally driver, has topped the women's title in the rally since 1963. The two are seen at Vancouver, starting point of the event. Driving conditions are expected to be very tough in the wake of winter storms over much of the route. (CP Wirephoto).

CLC Action Opens Door For Seamen's Union Return

By BEN WARD
WINNIPEG (CP) — Amid a noisy uproar of protest, the Canadian Labor Congress Thursday opened the door for the possible return to CLC ranks of the outcast Seafarers' International Union of Canada.

In a show-of-hands vote that appeared to be about 2 to 1, delegates to the CLC convention gave their 21-member executive council power to readmit the SIU if the council decides it is warranted.

The Seafarers were expelled on raiding charges by the 1960 CLC convention which stipulated that the union could not be returned except by a future convention vote.

Two years ago top CLC leaders pledged to a convention that the SIU would never be readmitted under the leadership of that day.

There were 18 speakers on the issue, 12 in favor of the move to readmit the SIU and six angrily opposed. The vote was taken with speakers still waiting to be heard.

Calls for a vote rose up after William Mahoney of Steelworkers, a general vice-president of the CLC, made a vigorous appeal to the 1,600 delegates to place their trust in the executive council.

The council had expelled the SIU in 1959 without waiting for a convention decision. The same officers could be trusted to take action again if it was warranted.

When President Claude Jodoin called for a show of hands on whether a vote should be taken without further debate, there were loud protests from some delegates.

There was plenty of evidence that the SIU leadership had not reformed but had put on a "façade of respectability" to gain readmission, he said.

"I doubt the incumbent president of the SIU is the real present," he said. "The real one is Hal Banks."

Banks was kicked out of the SIU leadership by a federal trustee appointed by Parliament to run up the union.

BANKS' CONTROL
Gus Brooks of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway and Transport Workers said "Red McLaughlin is a tool of Banks who is directing the SIU from his parlorhouse in New York."

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

THURSDAY, April 28, 1966

RCMP Commissioner George B. Mecklelland told the Gerda Munsinger inquiry he was asked by Prime Minister Pearson in November, 1964, whether the force had any information of impropriety or scandal concerning MPs.

He replied in the affirmative and turned over the Munsinger file to Mr. Pearson, he testified.

The National Farmers Union presented a brief calling for nationalization of the CPR for attempting a "swindle" over passenger services.

Producers offered to suspend a strike deadline against the CBC if the CBC would suspend its decision not to retire the co-hosts of This Hour Has Seven Days.

The Commons continued debate on redistribution of federal electoral ridings, hearing complaints from MPs in New Brunswick and Alberta.

Ontario MPs also got their views on the record.

FRIDAY, April 29
The Commons meets at 11 a.m. EDT to continue the redistribution debate. The Senate stands adjourned until May 3.

Potato Damage By Frost Feared; Island Growers Planning Survey

By NEIL A. MATHESON
A Murray Harbor man, Chesel Irving, today was expected to examine some of the potato acreage he planted with a view to planning a re-planting job because of frost damage they have suffered.

Mr. Irving had 89 acres planted before cold weather struck earlier this week. He told The Guardian last night that he would have had 125 to 130 acres planted by the end of this week had the weather remained mild. Varieties are Cobblers and Kennebecs.

planting between three to five acres," he estimated.

Mr. Irving grew 185 acres of potatoes last year most successfully. He plans to have approximately the same acreage again this year, if bad weather doesn't upset his planning.

Mr. Irving was not sure that those who suggest the dryness of the land is a helpful factor when frost strikes, as it has these past few nights. If it was a bit damp, Mr. Irving suggested last night, the land would probably steam out under the sunny skies in the day.

was perhaps the biggest potato producer in the province in 1965, has not planted any spuds on his land to date this year.

Mr. Willis was not available for comment last night, but a spokesman reported the "no planting" situation. Mr. Willis suffered a heavy loss of potatoes by fire last week when his warehouse at Colville burned.

Nobody in the Kingston area has planted spuds this year thus far, it was learned.

The Murray Harbor man was hopeful last night that most of his plantings would escape frost damage, but he was almost sure that a small section of his land is damaged badly enough to warrant planting over again.

There was not enough clay covering the spuds in that section to prevent them from the frost damage, he feared.

ROPE'S FEW ACRES
Asked how many acres would be affected that badly, he said "I hope to get away with re-

Reports received at this office early this month, said that a few farmers "on the South Shore" had planted some potatoes before the end of March. There was no indication as to whom these people are, nor how their plantings fared.

One report heard here yesterday suggested one Cherry Valley farmer has most of his grain sown. The name of the man who was the early man on the seed sowing was not available, though. Stanley Willis, Kingston who

The earliest grain sowing known in this province in modern times, at least, was the wheat wheat sown by the late John A. MacDonald, Bunbury on March 29, 1939. The land was dust dry at that time, it was said, but bad weather including snow and frost, followed and the wheat was only a poor crop, though it did grow—some of it at least.

Lawyer, Farmer Are Nominated

D. Frank Sigsworth, young Charlottetown lawyer, was nominated for councillor and Don Anderson, St. Peter's farmer, was nominated for assemblyman at a Liberal nomination convention in the Second District of Kings last night.

The meeting, held in Morell community hall, was addressed by guest speaker Liberal Leader Alex Campbell.

Mr. Sigsworth's nomination was moved by Shirley Sutherland and by Aquinas Ryan of Morell.

Mr. Anderson's nomination was moved by James MacAulay of Morell and Louis Cameron seconded the nomination.

Chairman of the convention was Louis McGuire of Morell, president of the second King's Liberal Association, and the secretary was James MacDonald.

Other speakers included W.R. Jenkins, president of the P.E.I. Liberal Association; John P. Nicholson, vice-chairman of the Liberal policy committee and T.J. Kitcham, former member for Kings County in the Commons.

Farmers Urge CPR Takeover

OTTAWA (CP)—The National Farmers Union put the CPR on the chopping block Thursday, accusing the privately-owned railway of attempting a public swindle over its passenger service.

In a bluntly worded brief to the Commons transport committee, the big farm organization said the remedy was its longstanding plea for immediate nationalization.

There should be a halt to public subsidies for the CPR and it should immediately be merged with the publicly owned CNR. Moreover, subsidies and construction grants paid to the CPR through the years should be deducted from the price paid by the government to take over the railway.

Festival Awards Announced

SUMMERSIDE — A Saint Dunstan's High production entitled "Seven Against One" captured three awards in the annual high school zone festival at Kensington last night.

The play captured awards for best play; best director, Ian MacDonald, and best actor in supporting role — Jim Hornby as Samaris in Seven Against One. Adjudicator for this zone was Murray Porter of Kentville, N.S.

Snowfall Paralyzes Small City

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE (CP) — Twenty-one inches of snow clogs this city of 13,000 in the wake of a spring storm and most of it will remain lying around until it melts.

The record snow suddenly fell over southern Manitoba starting Tuesday night as a weather disturbance moved northward from the Dakotas. Cold Arctic air is expected to follow later as the storm abated and skies cleared up by Thursday afternoon.

Yanks Open Fire On Dominicans

SANTO DOMINGO (AP)—U.S. troops opened fire Thursday night on demonstrators who attacked them with gunfire and rocks at an observation post, a U.S. military spokesman said. Six Dominicans were wounded.

New Brunswick MPs Object To Divorce Of Potato Belt

OTTAWA (CP) — Three New Brunswick MPs objected Thursday to "the divorce of the potato belt" but a fourth questioned whether potatoes are a bond of electoral union.

The disagreement came during the second day of a six-day Commons debate on redistribution of federal constituencies.

At one point, Conservative House leader Michael Starr (Ontario) complained that only four Liberal MPs were present in the 265-seat House.

Cloudburst Hits Dallas

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—A violent cloudburst struck the Dallas area before dawn Thursday, flooding expressways and forcing hundreds from their homes.

At least seven persons were drowned and two more were missing and presumed drowned.

Four died when their automobiles either plunged off washed-out bridges or were swept from roadways by swift, high water.

8 Children Die In Fire

HULL, Que. (CP) — Eight children died Thursday night when fire swept through half of a two-story frame duplex housing 12 children.

First reports said only four died in the fire, but at 11 p.m., press conference police said the toll had risen to eight.

The victims were not identified, but all were believed to be the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Larcher.

Canadian Woman Dies In Peruvian Air Crash

LIMA, Peru (AP)—A search party reached the wreckage of a Peruvian airlines plane that crashed high in the Andes Mountains and reported Thursday that all 49 persons aboard were killed.

Among the 43 passengers was a Canadian woman.

The four-engine Constellation of Lines Aereas Nacionales, carrying 43 passengers and a crew of six, smashed into a mountain between the hamlets of Huampara and Omas, about 60 miles south of Lima, police said.

MRS. RAYA PEARLMAN

University and did graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley.

Five Americans were aboard, including the pilot, William Jones of Miami, Fla.; three Peace Corps volunteers, Gerald Francis Flynn, 26, of Seattle, Wash.; Paul L. Bond, 24, of Jonesboro, Ark.; and Troy M. Ross, 25, of Boise, Idaho, and George A. Hoffman, 42, a geologist.

The plane also carried three Germans, two Swiss and one Spaniard, the airline said.

Java's Volcanic Eruption Threatens Major Disaster

JAKARTA (AP)—Streams of lava from an explosive eruption of Mount Kelut bore down Thursday on a densely populated area of Indonesia's eastern Java, and a major disaster threatened, reports from the scene said.

Thirteen deaths were reported, but the toll was expected to go higher when communications with the stricken area were re-established.

The streams of lava were reported approaching the outskirts of Blitar, a heavily populated trading centre 70 miles southwest of Surabaya. Communication to Blitar were out.

The Indonesian news agency Antara said the 5,678-foot-high volcano erupted Monday night and a nearby village was demolished almost at once.

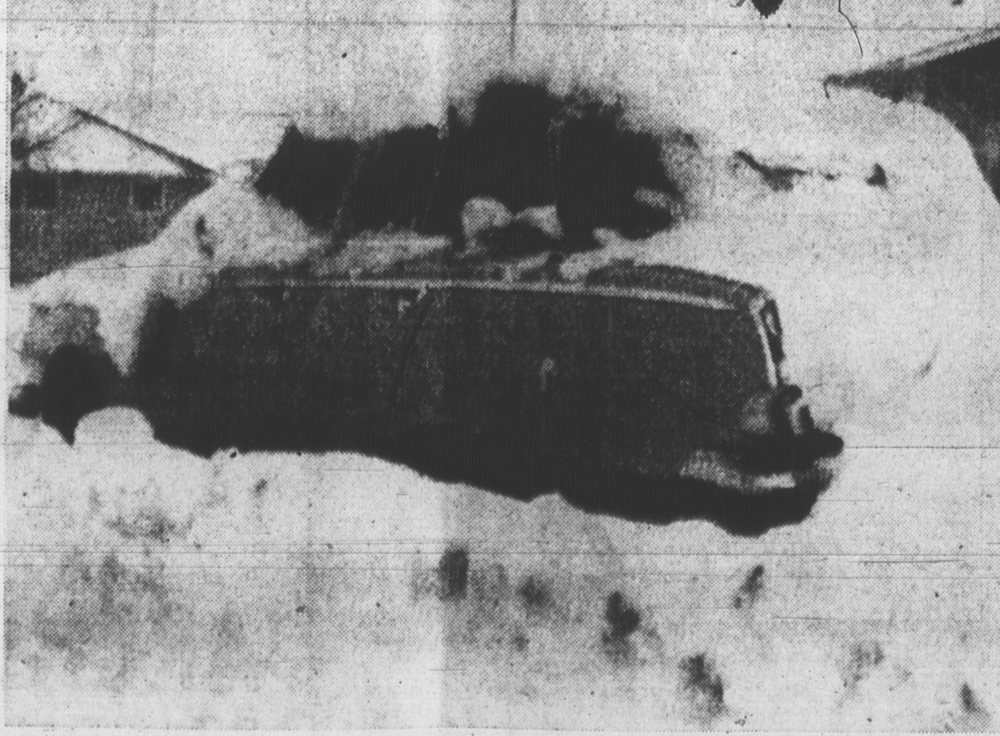
FEW PLANS FOR RELIEF
First word of the eruption did not reach Jakarta until two days later. Civil defence officials still had few details and few plans were made for going to the aid of victims.

The chief civil defence director, Col. Sudiono, said he thought it unlikely there were many casualties since a warning of a possible eruption had been issued a month ago.

The eruption was expected, he said, because white goats grazing on the slopes of Mount Kelut had left for lower pastures.

This was better than any fancy geological instruments, he said.

Regarded as a serious hazard was the large lake in the volcano crater. Antara said that minutes after the eruption water flowing from the lake was near boiling point.



CITY WILL WAIT FOR SNOW TO MELT

Twenty-one inches of snow clogged most streets in Portage La Prairie, a southern Manitoba city of 13,000, Thursday in the wake of a spring storm and most of it will remain lying around until it melts. "It would cost a fortune to clear it away," said Mayor Lloyd Henderson. There's no snow-clearing money left—the last of it was spent after a blizzard March 14. Mayor Henderson is a native of Prince Edward Island. (CP Wirephoto)

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