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1,200 Flee As Chaudiere River Goes On Rampage

BEAUCEVILLE, Que. (CP) — The fickle Chaudiere River shot over its low banks Saturday in a sudden mild-weather flood, hurling tons of ice, mud and snow through this southern Quebec town and turning 1,200 persons out of their homes.

Jammed by ice, the rising river —fed by melting snow and a steady drizzle—sent a wall of water racing down the main street. Immense cakes of ice, some six feet thick and 25 feet long, crashed like battering rams into dozens of homes, and floated into the parish church.

Half a dozen garages, the local hotel and theatre and about 200 homes and business places were damaged.

The flood toll was estimated by civic authorities at $2,000,000.

There was no loss of life.

BIG CLEANUP TASK

When the floodwaters subsided, the battered town was left buried in snow and ice, and the Christmas task of clearing the debris began.

Most of the homeless men, women and children are staying with relatives and friends in nearby towns and villages. About 25 are sheltered at the Red Cross relief centre, hastily set up in a four-storey nursing home on a height of land near the town, 60 miles south of Quebec City.

Militia reservists, armed with rifles, patrolled the stricken town. A Canadian Army detachment from Quebec City was sent to the scene to maintain order and direct traffic.

Mayor Paul Giguere, whose one-storey home was a total loss, said the disaster is the worst in the town's long history of flood damage. The winding Chaudiere River — which literally means "the bucket"—often goes wild during spring thaws.

RESIDENTS COME BACK

With the water gone, residents explored their shattered community Sunday, scurrying over ice barricades as high as 15 feet to reach their homes.

The downtown area looks as if an avalanche had struck during the night. Here and there dented car roofs are visible. Ice lies everywhere, and residents are racing against the weather to clear the area. Freezing weather would make the ice-removal job almost impossible, local officials said. It was still mild today.

Bulldozers are scraping away the ice, but the work is tricky and difficult.

ATTACKED SWIFTLY

The flood struck with startling swiftness. Many persons wise to the ways of their Chaudiere River didn't expect a bad flood.

Water swirled several inches high early Saturday morning along the main street, but they expected that.

"I laughed," said Nelson Pamdis, owner of the downtown Hotel Royal, as he stood on his ground-floor veranda. "She never gets higher than the veranda.

"Then I saw the icewall coming. It smashed past homes on the river's edge. We all ran up to the second floor. I was simply discouraged."

He said one huge ice pan crashed through a picture window in the hotel, and floated into the cocktail lounge.

The mayor had sent his wife away with the younger children Friday and stayed in his home with his 14-year-old son, Richard.

The boy remained awake most of the night while the mayor slept. When the big flood came the boy wakened his father.

WATER AROUND BED

The mayor said he leaped out of bed into a foot of ice and water. He emptied water from his rubber boots lying on the floor and put them on and he and his son left by rowboat.

St. John Ambulance Association workers from nearby St. Georges rescued an elderly couple from a house cut off from dry land by the rampaging waters. They found the couple sitting half-conscious near their water-drenched wood stove.

A semi-paralyzed 84 - year - old woman, Mrs. Albert Rancourt was taken from her flooded home by an ambulance crew in a canoe.

The mayor presided over an emergency meeting of his town council Sunday. Army and Red Cross representatives attended.

He announced Red Cross relief would be available for from two weeks to a month. Several committees have been formed to organize the work of placing families, clearing the streets, and feeding the homeless.

He said the most pressing job was getting the town cleared up before cold weather sets in. Most men in the area are expected to be asked to share in the work.

RESCUER

Flying Officer Alexander D. Nicholson, a 26 year-old helicopter pilot with the RCAF's 103 Communications Flight at RCAF Station Rockcliffe, near Ottawa, was at the controls of an H-34 Sikorsky helicopter that picked up an Eskimo stranded on an ice floe off the Eastern shore of Hudson Bay Friday, December 13.

A native of Winnipeg, Man., F-O Nicholson served with the RCAF from 1940 until 1944, flying on operations out of the UK. He rejoined the RCAF in 1952. The rescue of the Eskimo was made by F-O Nicholson's helicopter after a Dakota from the RCAF's Trenton, Ont., rescue center had located the stranded man.

(National Defence Photo)

Matapedia Also Flooded, Highways, Rail Lines Cut

MATAPEDIA, Que. (CP) Three days of steady, warm rain sent the Restigouche and Matapedia rivers swirling over their banks Sunday, flooding parts of this town of 2,000.

Reports said water covered the streets to a depth of eight feet in low-lying areas and two feet in others. All traffic was stopped. Some families began evacuating the town.

The highway from Matapedia to Campbellton, N.B., 35 miles to the east, and a rail line from Matapedia to Gaspe, Que., were reported washed out under five feet of water.

The floods began Sunday morning and were believed to be still rising.

Matapedia lies at the junction of the two rivers, just where the Restigouche broadens into the Baie des Chaleurs.

Further north, in Gaspe National Park, floods up to four feet were reported to have cut off the trans-Gaspe highway in Gaspe National Park.

The highways cuts down from Ste. Anne des Monts on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River to Cascapedia, near the Baie des Chaleurs 60 miles east of Matapedia.

Provinces Oppose Points In Hospital Insurance Plans

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government apparently has run into some provincial disapproval to conditions attached to a widening of the national hospital insurance plan.

The condition to extending federal cost-sharing to mental and tuberculosis hospitals is that the annual cost—an estimated $68-000,000—might have to come out of other federal payments to the provinces.

That stipulation was made by Prime Minister Diefenbaker at last month's federal - provincial conference. On Saturday, Health Minister J. Waldo Monteith said in the Commons there "wasn't the unanimity of opinion" among provinces that idea that there was to the federal plan to speed a start of the hospital insurance program.

Mr. Monteith said he expects federal payments under the program will start some time next year, but gave no details. This will be done by removal of the present prerequisite that six provinces must have hospital insurance legislation in force.

He also informed several members who were critical of the $1,000-a-bed federal contribution towards hospital construction that the grants now are under study.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other developments in the Commons:

1. Prime Minister Diefenbaker, on his return from the NATO summit meeting in Paris, said defence costs will grow so "colossal" amounts in a few years unless there is world agreement on disarmament.

2. Justice Minister Davie Fulton said the government is pursuing vigorously an investigation into complaints of below-cost selling of cigarets by some stores to eliminate competitors.

3. He also introduced an amendment to the Criminal Code—for action at the next session—to ensure humane slaughter of animals.

The day-long debate on health department spending estimates for the current fiscal year was the last before the Commons recessed until Jan. 3 for the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

Says Sputnik Firing Failed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Erik Bergaust, editor of Missiles and Rockets magazine, said Sunday he has received information the Russians tried last week to launch their third satellite but failed.

Bergaust said his intelligence sources reported the Russians attempted to fire their third satellite from an intercontinental ballistics missile launching site north of the Caspian Sea.

"It is strange that she should go down so fast," the Leda mate said.

The 1,901-ton Narva was sailing from Sweden to Aberdeen, Scotland, with a cargo of pulp when she ran into the southwesterly gale.

The 6,670-ton Leda, carrying 469 passengers to Norway, picked up her distress call at 2:30 a.m., turned about and sped toward the crippled freighter.

"When we sighted the Narva, she had a strong port list and the foreship was under water most of the time," the Leda's mate said.

"We launched a lifeboat with two mates and six seamen, but violent seas and the pitch dark made it very hard even to keep the freighter in sight.

"We think she sank at 4:40 a.m. when the lifeboat lost sight of her and she vanished from our radar screen."

FIND NO SURVIVORS

The lifeboat stayed out 35 minutes after that but could locate no sign of survivors.

He said the Narva had been flashing light signals but that they were hard to read. He said there was no way of telling what had happened to the Narva and why she sank so quickly.

The Leda stayed at the scene until 8 a.m., when an air and sea search for the Narva crew began.

The 865-ton Boswell was about 60 miles from the Narva when she developed a list and put out her distress call. She sank with a load of coal for Norway. The crew abandoned her and was picked up by other ships standing by.

PM Leaves For The West

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker left the capital Sunday evening by train to spend Christmas in Saskatoon and Prince Albert. He was accompanied by Mrs. Diefenbaker.

The prime minister may later take a brief vacation in the Bahamas if he finds he can spare the time.

EASIER TO SPELL, TOO

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet "peace offensive" has got down to street level. By order of Moscow's municipal council First Meschanskya Street, one of Moscow's main boulevards, was renamed Peace Avenue.

PM Warns Defence Bill May Reach Huge Amount

Raging No. Sea Swallows Up 2 Freighters; 28 Die

OSLO (AP) — Two freighters sank Sunday in a North Sea storm. All 28 crew members aboard one ship were swallowed by raging seas within sight of a rescue liner.

Disaster overwhelmed the Scottish freighter Narva as it steamed to the aid of the second stricken ship, the small British freighter Boswell. The Boswell sank but its 14-man crew was saved.

The Norwegian passenger liner Leda reported she had the Narva in sight shortly after picking up her signal that she was in trouble 120 miles southeast of Skavander, Norway.

The Leda's first mate said by ship-to-shore telephone that the Narva disappeared as a lifeboat from the liner fought toward the doomed ship through towering waves.

St. Laurent In Moving Speech Urges NATO Action For Peace

OTTAWA (CP) — It was as though the old leader, making what may have been his last Commons speech, had drawn together in the simple dignity of his words the innermost longings for peace of every individual in the chamber.

The Commons became absolutely still. Emotion tugged at the throat. Like a magnet, the figure of the still-vigorous 75 - year - old Rt. Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent drew every eye.

He was speaking Saturday just after Prime Minister Diefenbaker had reported to the Commons on the Paris summit conference of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"No one," began the Liberal leader, "would wish either to underestimate or, on the other hand to exaggerate the practical results of these deliberations."

SOMETHING OF VALUE

There was, no doubt, "something of value" in heads of the 15 member nations participating in the conference communique expressing their unity of objective.

"But like all other human endeavors in this imperfect world, state objectives and to do what might be the implementation of wishful thinking."

What is necessary is to have achievements expressed not only in words, however necessary that is in the first instance, but by actual conduct that gives effect to the expressions found in those words."

NATO ARCHITECT

It came to mind that here was speaking one of the original architects of NATO. It also came to mind that he will retire in January as Liberal leader. The party at a national convention here Jan. 14-16 will choose his successor.

He continued.

Everything said in the NATO communique and by Mr. Diefenbaker "was expressed in general terms and contained implicitly in the treaty itself."

The alliance had achieved its main purpose—to contain Russia.

SIMILAR OBJECTIVES

"But although the objectives have been the same for all of us, the extent to which the conduct of the 15 nations has been directed at realizing those objectives has not been completely satisfactory to every one of the nations forming the alliance."

Each of these nations wished to have the other members in a satisfactory economic position.

"But more could have been done than has been done to strengthen the economies of the participant nations."

His thoughts turned to the need for negotiation with Russia, and to Christmas and its message of peace.

"... To express a genuine, confident desire to conduct negotiations on the basis of its being possible that they will succeed—it is in that spirit that I think we should, in our silent prayers, accept this heralding of the coming of peace to men of goodwill in this world."

Speaking immediately afterwards, CCF Leader Coldwell said:

"I think there are times when an atmosphere is felt ... As we listened to him, I thought that this morning we have such an atmosphere."

Two Children Asphyxiated

PENETANGUISHENE, Ont. (CP) — Two children were asphyxiated in their beds Saturday night when fire swept their two-storey brick home.

Jeannette Perreault, 7, and William, 5, were in an upstairs bedroom and firemen fought for an hour to reach them.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perreault, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Lamoureaux, were not at home.

RELATIVE SIZE

The moon has a diameter of 2,162 miles, compared to earth's measure of 7,927 between the poles.

Only Hope Is East-West Agreement To Cut Arms

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada has received its second warning this month that defence expenditures may mount in the next few years.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, reporting to the Commons Saturday on the NATO summit meeting at Paris, said defence spending will attain "colossal and gigantic proportions" unless an East - West disarmament agreement can be achieved.

"Unfortunately," he added, the West's desire for a disarmament agreement depends on Russia's attitude.

PRESS FOR NEGOTIATIONS

Later, at a press conference, Mr. Diefenbaker said the West must continue to seek negotiations with Russia despite its apparent rejection Saturday of the NATO proposal for a foreign ministers' meeting to break the disarmament deadlock.

On Dec. 5 in the Commons, Defence Minister Pearkes indicated defence spending will have to be increased because of the mounting costs of new weapons. The defence budget in the current fiscal year, which ends next March 31, is $1,722,000,000, about one-third of all federal expenditures.

After Mr. Diefenbaker's 35-minute report to the Commons, opposition party leaders expressed dismay that there was nothing concrete in it which would give any hope for lasting peace.

Mr. Diefenbaker disputed this contention in advance when he said:

"The alliance, I believe, has made a substantive contribution to the cause of peace, not only by reaffirming its purely defensive character but also by leaving the door open to meaningful disarmament negotiations.

SEES STRONGER ALLIANCE

"Decisions have been taken which, through a closer integration of our individual forces, will result in the strengthening of the alliance and I believe will ensure greater security to our peoples. The machinery of NATO will be adapted to make possible the full use of the resources of each and all of the member nations . . .

"I know what the cynics will say. They will contend that the (NATO) declaration and communique are simply the same old tired cliches strung together in a different arrangement . . .

"That is not so. This conference has taken striking decisions that affect the military posture, the scientific disposition, a new and imaginative economic approach that has both domestic and external applications to all of the 15 countries."

Opposition leader St. Laurent, in one of his most moving common speeches, said it is not sufficient to state objectives.

"What is necessary is to have achievements expressed not only in words, however necessary that is in the first instance, but by actual conduct that gives effect to the expressions found in those words."

HEART SINKS

CCF Leader Coldwell said his heart sank as he listened to Mr. Diefenbaker "because I could find nothing concrete that gave us any hope of peace."

He suggested that Canada call a scientific conference which would be attended by all nations "so that others than statesmen may discuss these problems and guide the world towards some peaceful solution."

Solon Low, Social Credit lade said: "Sabre-rattling does not do very much good compared with quiet preparations for negotiations from strength."

PM'S REACTION

Press conferenec questions dedt mainly with the prime minister's reaction to the speech of Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko that disarmament should be discussed at a special meeting of United Nations assembly and that such a meeting would lay the groundwork for an East-West summit conference.

Mr. Diefenbaker said Gromyko's rejection of the NATO offer indicated that Russia doesn't intend to do more than advocate peace. When the Soviet Union was faced with the means of taking action toward peace, it rejected this means.

However, the prime minister added, "We must never give up in attempts at negotiation."

In the Commons Mr. Coldwell said he can't see how the basing of American missiles in Europe will help the cause of peace.

HAVE NO CHOICE

Mr. Diefenbaker said the Soviet Union is arming its forces with atomic weapons and that therefore NATO "has no choice but to build up its forces with the machinery of NATO."

The prime minister said on other NATO matters:

Canada accepted and NATO accepted as a fact that the Canada-United States air defence command is a NATO command. At the Paris conference, the prime minister said he sees no reason why NATO officers from Paris headquarters should be posted to the Canada-U. S. joint command at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Canada's proposal for a NATO food bank would be discussed further by the NATO council at its March meeting.

Canada approved the European free trade area as long as food, drink and tobacco products are excluded from its provisions to protect this country's trading interests.

Russia Urges Negotiations To End War; Rejects NATO Plan

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia called Saturday for East-West negotiations to outlaw war, "reconsider the status quo" and disarm.

In speeches to the Supreme Soviet, party secretary Nikita Khrushchev and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko suggested three possible forums for negotiating disarmament and relaxation of international tension:

1. An East-West summit conference.

2. A special United Nations session on disarmament.

3. An international disarmament conference .

REJECTS WEST IDEA

Gromyko appeared to discount the NATO proposal for an East-West disarmament conference at the foreign ministers' level and flatly rejected a Soviet return to the five-power UN disarmament subcommittee.

NATO proposed the East-West conference only if Russia continues its boycott of the subcommittee and its parent group, the UN disarmament commission.

Gromyko announced the Soviet Union "calls for a special session of the United Nations or an international conference on disarmament." He said this could pave the way for an East-West summit meeting again being urged by Soviet leaders.

RUSSIAN GOOD WILL

Khrushchev, speaking with bursts of emotion during a 75-minute address, said: "If the NATO countries really want peace they will find all necessary understanding and goodwill on the part of the Soviet Union."

He added: "If war came, the Soviet Union would answer with crushing blows."

Khrushchev's voice became emotional as he appealed for peaceful coexistence.

"The future will be decided not by wars or rockets of H-bombs but on the basis of which of the two systems gives its people the best life."

Khrushchev said a rising number of voices in the West are supporting peaceful coexistence. Among them, he listed George Kennan, former U.S. ambassador in Moscow, American publisher William Randolph Hearst Jr. and Canadian External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith.

The party chief ended his speech expressing his conviction that 1958 will see a relaxation of international tension.

MOSCOW'S CONDITIONS

Khrushchev put forward two main conditions for a heads-of-government conference of capitalist and Communist nations.

1. "We must abstain from discussing problems concerning ideological differences between our two systems.

2. "We must recognize the status quo. If the Western states recognize the status quo, it will be easy to come closer and solve our problems."

If no agreement is reached between the two systems he said, Russia will continue to spend "a reasonable amount" on arms.

Pope Pius Appeals For End To Armaments Race

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Pope, in a Christmas message to the world, Sunday urged an end to an armaments race "endangering the life of human family and the earth itself."

The 81-year-old spiritual head of the Roman Catholic Church spoke over the nation's powerful new radio station in probably the most widely broadcast message in history.

He called on Christian men not to be afraid. In an apparent reference to the Soviet satellites, he counselled them not to be misled "by records, often of very short duration."

As he did in his Christmas address last year, the Pope affirmed man's right for self-defence in calling on the rulers of men not to be misled by pride in a race for armamenta leadership. He said:

SIGNS IN SKIES

"To a person pondering and forming a judgement on the actual state of affairs—and always allowing for the right of self-defence—the present day competition between nations in demonstrating their individual progress in war equipment assuredly offers new 'signs in the skies,' but even more signs of pride, that price which produces on earth wide differences between souls, nourished hatreds, prepares the way for conflict."

The pontiff urged men to dedicate themselves to peace and by implication supported the efforts of the United Nations and NATO.

"The divine law of harmony," he said, "strictly imposes on all rulers of nations the obligation to prevent war by means of suitable international organizations, to reduce armaments under a system of effective inspection, to deter whoever should aim at disturbing the peace with the most fully guaranteed mutual dependence among the nations which sincerely desire it."

The pontiff recalled he had in the past endeavored to strengthen dependence among nations in times of crisis.

GOD GIVEN TASK

"We regard it as a special task imposed by god on our pontificate to forge among nations the bonds of true brotherhood. We renew our appeal so that among the true friends of peace all possible rivalry may come to an end and every reason for lack of trust be removed."

The pontiff concluded his speech with his special blessing of "urbi et orbi"—to city and to the world.

The final words were:

"May 'the Prince of Peace, from the crib of Bethlehem, preserve and strengthen these aims; and in the community of all men of good will, may He be pleased to fill up what is particularly wanting today in the realization of the order and harmony desired in the world by its Creator."

The Pope spoke from his throne in the Vatican's Consistorial Hall after receiving the Christmas greetings of the College of Cardinals. Twelve Cardinals were present as he spoke. His msssage was the 19th in the series that began in 1939.

Immediately after he had finished speaking, the Vatican radio began a series of translations in 28 languages that will continue during the week. These translation broadcasts will take his words to all parts of the world, including Russia.

IN THE MARITIMES

KILLED BY SLIDE

WALTON, N. S. (CP)—Edward Daniel Lake, 30, an employee of Magnet Cove Barium Co. was killed in a rock-slide here Saturday.

KILLED BY RAILINER

STELLARTON, N. S. (CP)—Edgar Davidson, 61, died Saturday when he was run over by a westbound CNR diesel railiner near here.

ASIAN FLU OVER

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The Health Department said Saturday there are no new cases of asian flu in the Province for the first time in about three months. At its height, flu felled about 40 per cent of the population and took 10 lives.

FATALLY INJURED

HALIFAX (CP)—Joseph Clark, 21, of Wellington, Scotland, died in hospital here Saturday after he was hit by a car on a city street. He was a crew member

DIES IN FALL

SHELBURNE, N.S. (CP) — Four-year-old Charles Audley Harlow was killed Friday night when he fell from the cab of a moving truck at Sable River West, near here.

KILLED BY TRAIN

HALIFAX, (CP) — A 25-year-old brakeman, Clifford W. Kennedy of Halifax, was killed by a shunting train in the CNR rail yards at Suburban Rockingham Saturday. Police said the accident happened during a heavy rain shower.

BLOOD SERVICE FOR NFLD.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A free Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service will be introduced to Newfoundland next December, it was announced Saturday.

INCREASES PRICE

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Sun announced Saturday its single-copy price will be increased to 10 cents from seven, effective Jan. 1. The evening newspaper said its expanded Saturday paper will continue to sell at 14 cents. Monthly charge for delivery by carrier or mail will be increased to $1 from $1.20

Two Die As Wave Of Crime Sweeps Over Toronto Area

TORONTO (CP) — Two men died violent deaths during the weekend in Toronto as police checked a wave of crime throughout the area.

Police said the rooms of Chong Kong, elderly Chinese laundry owner found bludgeoned to death Saturday night showed signs of being ransacked. But they did not know if anything was missing.

There were indications, police said, the laundry owner had been beaten before he was apparently attacked with a small meat cleaver round near his body in an east Toronto building.

Police said James Frederick Kirkham, 75 - year - old business building janitor, was beaten to death Sunday night during a fight with a prowler. They said offices in the building were ransacked but nothing stolen.

Police were looking for two gunmen who robbed Mic Bowles, 35, manager of the Brewers Retail Store in nearby Brampton, of between $6,000 and $8,000 Saturday night.

Bowles told police he was taking the money to deposit at the bank when the men forced him into his own car, drove out of the city and tied him up.

A man escaped on foot Saturday night after grabbing a bag containing $1,180 from a Toronto meat store owner.

At Hamilton, thieves who took a bag from the parked car of a Toronto man Saturday got more than $1,800 in jewelry.

MARRIED FRIDAY

CLEVELAND — Shown together at a recent dinner are the multimillionaire industrialist Cyrus Eaton, who will be 74 on Dec. 27, and Mrs. Annie Kinder Jones, 35, who were married Dec. 20 at the home of Cyrus Eaton Jr. Mrs. Kinder Jones, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Walter T. Kinder, was divorced in 1948 from Brooks M. Jones, an attorney. (AP Wirephoto)