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THEY TOP THE POLL

Lucille Wheeler (left) of St. Jovite, Que., has been voted Canada's top woman athlete of the year by sports editors and broadcasters in the annual Canadian Press poll. The now-retired world champion skier won with a wide margin to become the first skier to take the honor in the 24 years of the poll. Mrs. Marlene Stewart (right), gymnast from Windsor, Ont., was third. (CP Photo)

N.Y. Newspaper Workers Vote Sunday On New Pact

NEW YORK (AP) — A peace pact to end the 17-day New York newspaper strike was announced Friday night. It will not be voted upon by the strikers, however, until Sunday. Twice before, the membership of the striking Newspaper Mail and Deliverers Union has turned down tentative settlement proposals agreed to by their negotiators. The membership vote Sunday will be by machines and will last until 10 p.m. Thus, the earliest possible return to the streets of New York's nine dailies would be Monday.

Foreign Money Deals Suspended In France

PARIS (Reuters)—France has halted foreign currency transactions until Monday—except for tourists on their way in or out of the country. The move came Friday as Premier Charles de Gaulle's cabinet met to discuss currency reform, possibly including devaluation of the franc. France's new financial policy—taking shape amid rumors of imminent British moves for convertibility of the pound sterling—will be announced today by Finance Minister Antoine Pinay. French stock markets were closed Friday because of these moves. The price of the one-ounce (2.2 lbs) gold ingot soared by 14,000 francs to a total of 560,000 francs in inter-office bank dealings. Before the cabinet meeting, de Gaulle and his ministers conferred with leading financial experts off the government and the bank of France.

Truro-Moncton Line Is Cleared

FOLLY LAKE, N.S. (CP)—Traffic resumed Friday evening on the CNR main line between Truro and Moncton after being blocked all day by derailment of 12 cars of a westbound freight. Several passenger trains, including the Halifax-Moncton Scotian, were held up. Cause of the derailment has not been determined. There were no injuries. The freight train left Stellarton, N.S. Friday morning for Moncton. Twelve cars near the front passed through this small community 24 miles west of Truro.

U. S. Holiday Death Toll May Set Record This Year

CHICAGO (AP) — Americans paid dearly in lives for holiday relaxation this Christmas. There were indications the United States was headed for a holiday death record during the four-day period. The traffic toll mounted at an unprecedented clip during the first half of the weekend. And a wave of multiple-death fires swelled the toll. The over-all accident fatality record is 834, set in 1956 during a Christmas weekend of 102 hours—the same length as the present holiday. The toll two years ago included an all-time record of 706 traffic deaths. At 4 p.m. EST, the total number of deaths since the count began at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve was 393. Traffic accidents accounted for 293 deaths, slightly higher than the figure at the same time two years ago. Sixty-two persons were burned to death and 38 died in miscellaneous accidents. A National Safety Council spokesman said the traffic death toll may be the biggest for any holiday in the U.S. Before the holiday, the safety council would be killed in traffic smashups. Fire deaths in the home, a frequent night-time accident in winter, killed many victims. Some victims slept while unattended, overheated stoves burned their houses around them. Nine of the 12 residents died in a farmhouse fire near Auburn, Wash.

Nine Of Family Lose Lives In Dwelling Fire

AUBURN, Wash. (AP)—A fire that "seemed to explode" from the kitchen of a large rural home killed nine of the 12 members of a farm family Friday. The blaze, starting at 6 a.m., destroyed the Ole Hollenbach home four miles east of this small western Washington town. The description of the fire was given by firemen by Hollenbach, one of the three survivors, before he was taken to a hospital for treatment of burns. Hollenbach, 42, said he went out the kitchen door to get a fire extinguisher on a porch but was unable to re-enter the house as the kitchen burst into flames which quickly enveloped the rest of the house. MOTHER OF YEAR Dead were Mrs. Hollenbach, 38, Auburn's "mother of the year" in 1957, and eight Hollenbach children: Gale, 18, Donald, 17, Garry, 16, Sharon, 15, Patricia, 13, Mary Allyn, 8, Carl, 6, and Penny, 4. The two survivors besides Hollenbach were another daughter, Wanda, 9, and Mrs. Phoebe Hightower, 80, Mrs. Hollenbach's mother. Wanda, severely burned, crawled onto the roof of the two-story frame house. A neighbor, Willard Clyde, rescued her. Clyde said the barking of his dog called his attention to the blaze. "The whole house was in flames, and only Hollenbach was outside." Hollenbach told firemen he believed the fire started from a short circuit in a cord leading to an electric clock in the kitchen.

Father Is Held In Boy's Death

CHICAGO (AP) — A coroner's jury ruled Friday that a father who fatally wounded his son while practicing a fast pistol draw be bound over to the grand jury on an involuntary manslaughter charge. Policemen testified they found about 75 bullet holes in the woodwork and walls of the home of Jack Bender, 29, a furnace installer and gun fancier. Bender's 14-month-old son Wyatt died Christmas Day from a .22-calibre bullet wound in the chest—a victim, authorities said, of his father's pistol. Bender is the father of five children. His wife, Elaine, 29, is expecting another child.

King Frederick Reported ill

COPENHAGEN (AP) — King Frederick of Denmark was reported to be Friday with a minor rupture in one lung caused by a violent coughing spell. The 59-year-old monarch was stricken at breakfast in his hunting lodge at Trend in northern Jutland Wednesday. He was flown here Friday in an ambulance plane.

Holiday Death Count Passes 24 In Canada

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Canada's accidental death count climbed to 24 as the half-day mark was passed in the four-day Christmas holiday period. Only two provinces were fatality-free. Highway accidents accounted for 17 of the deaths. The others included fires and accidental falls. A Canadian Press survey, being conducted from noon Wednesday to midnight Sunday showed that Ontario, with 10 deaths, headed the provincial tolls. It was followed by Manitoba 5; Quebec, Alberta and Nova Scotia 2 each; British Columbia, Newfoundland and New Brunswick, 1 each. Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island had clear slates up to Friday afternoon. The Canadian Highway Safety Conference has forecast 40 road deaths for the period between 4 p.m. Wednesday and midnight Sunday and a total of 80 fatalities up to midnight Jan. 1.

Springhill's Mayor Is Ill

SPRINGHILL, N. S. (CP)—Mayor Ralph Gilroy was ordered into All Saints Hospital here for observation Friday. Neither hospital nor the mayor's physician, Dr. J. C. Murray, would comment on his condition.

Big Three Suggest Russia Talk Over German Problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Western Big Three have virtually completed drafts of notes to Russia offering to discuss the entire German problem at a new conference with the Soviet Union. The allies will reject any suggestion of limiting talks to Berlin's future despite Soviet threats to turn their sector over to Communist-controlled East Germany in the next five months. Officials who reported this Friday said the Western notes will be delivered within a few days, probably before New Year's Day. The West German government is reported ready to send along its formal reply to the Russian threats about the same time. Diplomatic informants reported the notes would be parallel but not identical. All four will stand firm, they said, on the Western determination to remain in Berlin. The American-British-French offer to talk will be in the nature of a reminder to the Soviets that they have not yet replied to a Sept. 30 allied proposal for a four-power conference on Germany. At that time, the three allies—in a move to speed preparations for a summit conference—offered to discuss the German problem at a separate four-power meeting. The new Western notes are understood to reaffirm this readiness to talk. No date is suggested for such a parity. The Western attitude will be, authorities said, that the three allies are sure the Soviets did not mean their Berlin note of Nov. 27 to be an ultimatum. Neither Russia nor any of its three wartime allies, it will be argued, can single-handedly renounce the arrangements for joint occupation of Berlin. Any modification of these arrangements, the notes will say, could come only from new agreements all four countries may decide upon jointly.

Cyrus Eaton Is 75 Today

CLEVELAND (AP) — Soviet Premier Khrushchev and Indian Prime Minister Nehru sent birthday cablegrams to Nova Scotia-born industrialist Cyrus Eaton, who will be 75 today. Another greeting came from Dr. Adolph Scharf, president of Austria, where an Eaton-sponsored peace conference for scientists was held last summer.

Shot Misses Father But Kills Child

AMOSN Que. (CP)—A 2½-year-old boy was shot to death Christmas Eve by a bullet fired from a .22-calibre rifle that was aimed at his father, provincial police reported Friday night. The victim was Marc Caron, son of Andre Louis Caron, a surveyor in this Abitibi district community 250 miles northwest of Ottawa. A 20-year-old youth was arrested as a material witness. He was to be taken to Montreal provincial police headquarters. Sgt. Romeo Labelle of the Amos provincial police squad gave this version of the shooting and events leading up to it: "A man visited the Caron home on Christmas Eve and an argument developed. The man stormed out of the house and returned a short time later with a rifle. The argument resumed and the man aimed the weapon at Mr. Caron and pulled the trigger. The bullet missed Mr. Caron and struck the child. A coroner's inquest, date of which has not yet been fixed, will be conducted by Dr. L. P. Brousseau, Abitibi region coroner. In Quebec, no charges are laid in cases of violent death until after the coroner's inquest.

Goldfine, Secretary Denied New Trial In Contempt Case

BOSTON (AP)—District Court Judge Charles E. Wyzanski Jr. Friday denied motions for acquittal and a new trial of industrialist Bernard Goldfine and his secretary who were convicted of contempt of court last Monday. The court also denied a motion for a reduction of sentence. Goldfine was sentenced to three months and Miss Mildred Paperman, his secretary, to 10 days. Their sentences are scheduled to begin Jan. 7. But it is unlikely that they will go to jail then. They are appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals. They were convicted of criminal contempt for failure to produce complete records for the internal revenue service as ordered by the court. Goldfine also faces trial in Washington March 16 on charges of contempt of Congress for failing to answer some questions about his financial affairs before a congressional subcommittee.

Unemployment Drop Seen By Labor Minister Starr

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Starr said in a year-end message Friday he believes unemployment this winter will be less than that of last winter. However, President Claude Jodoin of the Canadian Labor Congress said in another message that heavy unemployment appears in prospect. He criticized governments for not taking stronger action. "Although unemployment continues to be a serious problem, there are indications that the economic pendulum now is swinging the other way," Mr. Starr said. "Our registrations for jobs at the National Employment Service have tapered down from the springtime high. While they are increased from the usual yearly low point reached in early fall, they now are at approximately the same level as last year. "If the trend continues—and I believe it will—the figure for this winter will fall below that of a year ago. SLOWER PACE "Furthermore, it is encouraging to note that the estimate of those without jobs and seeking work has increased much less rapidly from the seasonal low in August of this year than was the case in 1957." The government's latest estimate indicated 361,000 unemployed in mid-November, an increase of 65,000 for the same time last year. Mr. Starr said reports from across the country show that government efforts to stimulate winter employment are providing jobs. "The municipal winter works incentive program recently introduced by the federal government in meeting with co-operation from provincial authorities, and even now several thousands of Canadians are hard at work who would otherwise be unemployed were it not for this arrangement." "The government," he added, "will continue to take every step possible in doing its part to enable Canadians generally to improve their standards and enjoyment of living." MAJOR PROBLEM The CLC's president Jodoin said the foremost problem facing Canadians is unemployment. "This was a matter of deep concern when we celebrated New Year's a year ago, and it is regrettable that so little has been done, and that what has been done has been with such hesitation. "Time and again we have pleaded for action which would bring together the entire resources of government, employers and unions to meet this challenge and combat this suffering. "The action which has been taken has been far too limited and much too late. Surely the Canadian people cannot be expected to go through another year of heavy unemployment without seeing some forthright and courageous action taken." However, Mr. Jodoin added that despite clouds on the labor horizon "we face 1959 and the years that will follow with confidence and assurance. "We are keenly aware of the particularly fortunate position in which our country stands, and we look forward to the sharing of the benefits of this position among our own people and with people in other countries."

Crew Drifted 3,300 Miles In 14 Days, Reports Show

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—The British plastic balloon Small World is reported to have bumped to a safe landing in the Orinoco delta after two weeks of buffeting across the Atlantic. The Venezuelan communications ministry reported Friday night it had been informed the balloon successfully completed its slow-poke, no-engine journey. All four occupants, including a woman, were reported down safe on the Venezuelan coast. A landing there meant they overshoot their intended target, Barbados Island in the windwards of the West Indies, by about 300 miles; that they were carried along by trade winds at an average 10 miles an hour, and that their reckoning of drift southwestward was just about correct. 14-DAY TRIP Columbus on his third voyage of Discovery in 1498 was the first European to sight the Orinoco, and it took him many weeks to reach there across the Atlantic. The balloon apparently made it in just 14 days. The balloon roughly followed in the air the path of Columbus' third voyage to the new world. It had been out of radio touch for the last week. The silence was broken by the Venezuelan communications ministry announcement. The ministry said the airport at Port of Spain, Trinidad, radioed that the balloon was near the mouth of the Pedernales River in the Orinoco delta. Its position was given as about five miles from Trinidad. The Venezuelan government sent a plane about noon to the site. Later a helicopter also was sent. It left the Canary Islands in hopes of being wafted by air currents across the Atlantic to Barbados, British West Indies, 3,000 miles away. The expedition was headed by A. B. Eiloart, 31-year-old businessman. He was accompanied by his son, Timothy, 21, radio telegraphist, Colin Mudge, 32, pilot, and Mudge's wife, Rosemary, 30, photographer, second pilot and cook. Eiloart had estimated that the drift across the Atlantic would take anywhere from one to three weeks depending on the winds. The communications ministry said the balloonists had communicated with the Canary Islands after landing. The Canaries, it turns, had sent word to the Port of Spain airport. Fears for the safety of the aerial voyagers arose after radio listeners had failed to pick up any signals from the balloon's radio for the last seven days. The last reported position of the silver and black balloon had been about 250 miles south of the Canaries. That was Dec. 15 when a German freighter spotted the Small World. ANGLING SOUTHWARD The Canary Island takeoff point was at about 28 degrees north latitude and the Orinoco delta is about 10, meaning that on the drift estimated at 3,300 miles to the Orinoco, they could have angled about 18 degrees southward or 1,080 miles. It was not the first Atlantic adventure for navigator Mudge. In 1952 he crossed the ocean to the West Indies in a 19-foot whale-boat. The Small World—a quilted plastic bag—has a capacity for 53,000-cubic feet of hydrogen. The gondola-boat, 15½ feet long and 7½ feet wide, was designed to serve as a lifeboat for the crew if the craft was forced down. Four sets of pedals operate vanes on opposite sides of the gondola, acting as rudders. The pedals also operate pumps to bring up sea water for ballast or, after treatment in a small distilling apparatus, for drinking water. Prepared for eventualities, the crew carried enough concentrated food for three months. The expedition was designed mainly to study weather conditions and wind currents. It was under the patronage of Prince Philip.

Man Charged With Murder In Ear Falls' Shootings

EAR FALLS, Ont. (CP)—Five persons, including a police constable and a girl, were shot to death here Christmas Day and a 26-year-old man Friday was charged with murder. Thomas Young, son of one of the victims, appeared in court at Kenora, 75 miles south of this northwestern Ontario point. He was remanded a week without plea. Police identified the victims as: Constable Calvin Russell Fulford, 28; James Gordon, 28; his 17-year-old wife Clara; Albert Young, 47-year-old father of the accused man, and George Williams, also 47. Thomas Young was charged specifically with murder in the death of James Gordon. All but the policeman were identified as halfbreeds who formerly lived on the Lac Seul Indian reservation. Inspector Tom Corsie of the Ontario Provincial Police at Kenora, said there was no indication of motive. Mrs. Gordon's clothing was torn and she was bruised. UPSET BY MARRIAGE Neighbors told police Young had known Mrs. Gordon for years. They said he was upset when the Gordons married. Police said the shooting occurred at the Young cabin when the Gordons, accompanied by David Young, 18, brother of Thomas, and Percy Williams, nephew of George, went there to pick up some phonograph records.

Ice Still Holds 13 Ships At Montreal; May Sail Soon

MONTREAL (CP) — The icebreaker d'Iberville Friday succeeded in smashing a narrow corridor through Lake St. Pierre, 30 miles downstream from Montreal, allowing the German Transoceanic to steam toward a night berth in Trois-Rivieres, Que. Meanwhile 13 ocean-going ships waited in Montreal harbor while the ice-breakers Ernest Lapointe and N. B. McLean smashed at ice jams frozen in jumbled array at the harbor entrance. About 500 seamen, the crews of these ships, were reported to have spent an enjoyable Christmas on board their ships or at various sailors' institutes in Montreal. Many were betting on the likelihood of spending New Years here too. But harbor officials said the Lapointe and McLean were "making good progress" and might break through the jams late today allowing the ships to proceed downstream "a couple of days after that." Added to the ice problems in the harbor were the frozen masses lying between it and the d'Iberville. Her immediate mission accomplished as the Transoceanic sailed free of ice, she signalled to work toward Montreal breaking the ice which had frozen behind her. Ships in the harbor are the British Beaverford and Appledor the German Poseidon, Luise (Bornhofen and Christa) the Swedish Rydholm, Vaxholm and Torsholm; the Norwegian Ogn County and Elin Haven; the Dutch Prins Frederik Hendrik; the Italian Capo Miseno; and the Liberian Kall I.

3 Charged In Kidnap-Murder Of Former Canadian Nurse

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — A grand jury murder indictment was returned Friday night against Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan in the strangulation of her pregnant daughter-in-law. Also indicted for murder were two laborers who say Mrs. Duncan hired them to kill Olga Duncan, 30, a pretty surgical nurse born near Dauphin, Man. She came here last year from Vancouver. The district attorney said Mrs. Duncan, 34, engineered the Nov. 17 killing because she was intensely jealous of the brunette nurse who had married her son, attorney Frank Duncan last June. Duncan, one of 15 witnesses who testified before the grand jury, had told reporters earlier: "I find it fantastic to believe that my mother is involved. She would have to be insane to be involved in this." Last Sunday Augustine Baldonado led authorities to the lonely garage containing the battered body of the young nurse. He told investigators Mrs. Duncan had ferred him and Luis Moya, 22, \$6,000 to kill her daughter-in-law. Moya, weakening under constant questioning by police, broke down Christmas night.