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One Killed, 50 Injured In Sunday Train Wreck

CROWN POINT, N. Y. (AP)—The Laurentian express, en route from Montreal to New York, collided with a freight train head-on Sunday on a single-track line on the shore of Lake Champlain. One trainman was killed and police reported at least 50 persons were injured, most of them slightly. Six injured were admitted at Moses Ludington hospital in Ticonderoga, the hospital said. The Delaware and Hudson railroad reported none of the 125 passengers on the Laurentian required hospital treatment. The railroad listed five crew members admitted to the hospital. Killed was Charles Bascue of Whitehall, N. Y., head trainman on the 113-car freight.

TRAVELLING SLOW

The D and H operates the Laurentian between Montreal and Troy, N. Y., where it is transferred to New York Central tracks and becomes a Central train for the run to New York city. Sgt. John P. Snell of the state police said the nine-car Laurentian had slowed down to about 3 to 10 miles an hour when the crash occurred about a mile south of Port Henry. Snell said the northbound

freight was travelling about 35 miles an hour. Snell estimated the injured at 50 but said most suffered only bruises and other minor injuries. **ENGINE DERAILED** The diesel engine of the Laurentian was derailed, one of its three baggage cars was overturned and the other two baggage cars were derailed. Five passenger cars and a parlor car stayed on the tracks. Both diesels pulling the 113-car freight overturned down a 10-foot embankment into a swamp on the edge of the lake. About 15 freight cars were derailed.

Pelts Stolen

MONTREAL (CP)—Thieves made off with \$20,000 worth of mink pelts during the weekend from a downtown fur wholesaler after smashing in a door with a crowbar, police reported. B. Schwartz and Sons, Ltd., reported 300 wild mink and 300 blue mink pelts were stolen.

Former Mayor of Parrsboro Dies

PARRSBORO, N.S. (CP)—Percy L. Spicer, 82, five-time mayor of this Minas Basin town and prominent in business and church affairs, died at his home here Sunday. He retired from his lumber business 20 years ago and for many years was active in his church, politics, and the Masonic lodge. A Conservative, he served in the legislative council under the Rhodes government. He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.

Coming Events

- Buying and cleaning Timothy daily. McGuigan & Boyle.
- Masquerade Dance, Kelly's Cross School, Monday, October 25th.
- Card Party, West Royalty Hall, Monday, October 25th. Lunch served.
- Regular Dance Crapaud Rink, Wednesday night.
- Regular Dance, Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night.
- Sandy's Marshfield still catering to weddings, banquets, and social gatherings at reasonable prices. Dial 7412.
- Carleton players present their 3-act comedy "Aunt Jerushy on the Warpath" in Central Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 27th.
- Masquerade Dance, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall, Tuesday, October 26th. Prizes for best costume.
- Films and Bazaar, South Granville School, October 26th. Sale of Luncheon.
- Masquerade Dance, Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, October 26th. Special prizes.
- The Annual Meeting of Cornwall Hall will be held in Hall, Monday, October 25th.
- Dance, Lot 85 Hall, Thursday, October 28th. Luncheon served. Deiron's Orchestra.
- Visitation, All other Lodges in Crapaud District, meet at Prince Arthur, October 28th.
- Next week grinding grain Tuesday and Friday only. Russell Coles.
- The banquet of the Kingston Branch, Canadian Legion has been postponed until further notice.
- New Dominion United Church annual supper, Tuesday, October 26 in Afton Hall. Supper served at 5:00 p.m.
- Chicken and ham supper, Afton Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 5 o'clock. Auxiliaries Ladies Aid United Church.
- The Annual Meeting of Kinross Credit Union will be held in the Hall, Monday, October 25th, at 8:30 p.m.
- Buying well finished Chicken, Capon and Fowl, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 until 12. R. L. Dickleson.
- Hot Chicken Supper, Games, etc., Tracadie, Wednesday, October 27th. Dance after.
- St. Teresa's Chicken, Supper, Monday, October 25th. Supper served 5:30 till 9 o'clock. Also games and dance.
- South Rutlock Hall, Hot Chicken Dinner and Plum Pudding, Bazaar, games and refreshments, Wednesday, October 27th.
- Hear Edwin Johnstone lecture on Mexico and slides, Cross Roads church Wednesday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Bunbury W. M. S. Admission 35 cents.
- Try Swifts Gro-Mor Hog, poultry and cattle feeds. Best by Government Test. Use our Feed Service. C. C. Pratt & Son, St. John's.

Hope Ratification Of Accords On German Arms By Mid-1955

France-Germany Agree On Saar; Sign Treaties

By STANLEY PRIDDLE
PARIS, (Reuters)—The Western Allies signed a series of treaties Saturday to create a German army of 500,000 men under the close scrutiny and control of the Atlantic alliance. The treaties, closing the biggest gap in European defence against communism, also grant sovereignty and North Atlantic Treaty Organization membership to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's federal republic after nine years of occupation. All the carefully-worded documents, totalling 30,000 words, must be ratified by the parliaments of the signatory governments. This is anticipated to take several months at least. But a start on German rearmament can be made as soon as Britain, the United States, France and Germany ratify the sovereignty agreement. The protocols establish a seven-

PARIS, (AP)—Western diplomats have indicated they hope agreements to bring Germany into the Western defence alliance will be ratified by the middle of next year. But in the meantime they expect heavy duelling between Moscow and the West over the German question. The Soviet Union's bid Saturday for a Big Four conference in November on a German peace settlement is an example.

It came only a few hours after the foreign ministers of 15 Western nations signed protocols to three treaties that, if and when ratified by the national parliaments, are to line up West Germany as a free and equal partner in defence against Communist aggression. **TWO CONDITIONS** Britain, the United States and France Sunday are reported still standing by two tight conditions for any such conference: 1. Russia must agree in advance to holding free, supervised elections for an all-German government. 2. Russia must act in advance to conclude a treaty of independence for occupied Austria. The Allies laid down these conditions in notes to Moscow last month. The Kremlin appeared to have made a move at offering to meet the conditions. But British, American and French foreign ministers are reported satisfied the Russian answer is no more than a diplomatic attempt to defer or destroy the Paris agreements.

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Reports Fresh Evidence Of Plant Life On Mars

WASHINGTON, (AP)—New evidence that plant life exists on Mars has been uncovered in a six-month study by a planetary expert. Dr. E. C. Silpher, who has just returned from Bloemfontein, South Africa, from which he scanned Mars for the National Geographic Society and Lowell observatory of Flagstaff, Ariz., said: "Mars is alive. It has to be." He brought back 20,000 photos and a bundle of notes on Mars, which he has been observing at various times during the last 50 years. The National Geographic report here on his observations. He said photographs demonstrate great blue-green markings which characterize Mars' geography. They reveal gleaming polar caps (frost areas, swirling dust storms and clouds). They also show two new "canals," surface lines over which astronomers have debated for years. "Any vegetation on Mars must be extremely simple in nature," National Geographic said. With little oxygen and less water, "there seems less than scant possibility that any animal life similar to earth's could exist under Martian conditions."

Says Atom Power Might Be Top Importance To N.S.

HALIFAX (CP)—Eugene Forsey, the Canadian Congress of Labor's research director, said Saturday that power-hungry Nova Scotia should have first priority on any plan for the provision of atomic power. He told the third annual Halifax Joint Union Institute that atomic power might provide the answer to the province's shortage of power for industry. Water is out of the question, he said, and Nova Scotia coal is too expensive. Speaking of economic trends, he said "it looks as if there might be quite a remarkable development in New Brunswick, in mining, electrical and chemical industries. We can expect some of that to spill over to us."

Three Fishermen Plucked From Sea

CHETICAMP, N.S. (CP)—Three fishermen were plucked from ragging seas off Cape Breton's west coast Saturday and later watched their disabled vessel drift toward jagged rocks. The Mulgrave, N.S., dragger Donna Louise picked up the unidentified trio shortly after the 36-foot Cheticamp fishing vessel Veteran 11 was reported missing. The stricken craft, left to the seas after unsuccessful attempts to put a line aboard her, failed to return after an overnight fishing trip. Her trouble was not known immediately, but was believed to have been caused or aggravated by the gale-whipped seas.

Profusion of Promises in Montreal's Municipal Election; Voting Today

MONTREAL (CP)—Mayorally candidates in Montreal's municipal election Monday have promised voters everything from cheaper parking tickets to a spanking new subway. The profusion of promises and the number of candidates have led veteran observers to describe the election as the most confused in the city's 300-year history. Nine candidates—one short of the 10 required to win—were seeking election as mayor. A total of 188 others are running for 66 seats on the city council. The vote is limited to approximately 300,000 landlords and tax-paying tenants. **MR. MONTREAL OUT** The mayorality race was thrown wide open when popular Camillien Houde, whose 18 years in office earned him the title of Mr. Montreal, decided to retire because of ill health. The mayorality candidates include a senator, a member of the House of Commons, a member of the Quebec legislature, a former Montreal mayor, a vice-busting lawyer, a newspaper man, a carpenter and a man disqualified as mayor of a suburb. Charles Lafontaine, disqualified as mayor of nearby Ville St. Michel, entered the mayorality race despite an act of the legislature barring him from municipal office anywhere in the province. While the act does not mention Lafontaine by name, it was passed

after the courts had disqualified him from purchasing for himself land sold by Ville St. Michel while he was mayor. The Quebec act, passed at the last session of the legislature, states that a mayor disqualified from holding office in one municipality cannot hold office in another municipality within the province. A spokesman in the Quebec at (Continued on Page 2 col. 4)

IT'S CERTAINLY WARMER, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR!



Charged With Mother's Murder

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP)—Seventeen-year-old Allan Butcher was charged with murder Sunday in connection with the fatal shooting of his mother, 51-year-old Mrs. Edith Butcher. The youth's father, Percy Butcher, 53, is in hospital with head injuries and a broken arm. Police said the youth is in custody in hospital suffering stab wounds. They said a shotgun and a hunting knife were found in the kitchen of the Butcher home, believed to have been the scene of the shooting. Neighbors said they believed the shooting followed an argument between father and son about supper time Saturday night.

Death Accidental

HARVEY STATION, N.B. (CP) A coroner's jury ruled Friday that the death of a Toronto prospector here Oct. 17 was "accidental." The jury attached no blame to anyone. Alex M. Stuart, 72, died about 15 minutes after being admitted to Harvey Community Hospital after a fall in which he was a passenger left the highway in a heavy rain-storm. His wife, 62, suffered a knee injury and shock.

New Treatment Centre at Falconwood Hospital



With all the steel in place, the equal to that offered by the larger floors and roofs poured, and half-centres, yet at a minimum cost, of the walls erected, the new Treatment Centre at Falconwood Hospital is rapidly shaping up to take the place of an outstanding addition to the hospital facilities or the Province. The whole layout of the structure, which covers 32,000 feet of floor space, has been designed to meet local requirements on a basis male, will be housed in the new identical wings fanning out from the main entrance, which is located where the wings join as does also the administration area projecting straight back from the entrance. Fourteen beds have also been allocated to the use of patients receiving shock treatment. The wings are both eighty feet long and 37 feet wide with a corridor seven feet wide running the length of each. Accommodation for the patients varies with their condition, ranging from quiet, to improved conditions and those practically ready to leave the Treatment Centre. In this area of each wing there are four beds, two bed wards and individual rooms. There is a nurses' station midway along each corridor, bowed out to give a clear vision both ways over the entire length of each section. (Continued on Page 2 col. 6)

4 More Bodies Of Flood Victims Are Recovered

TORONTO, (CP)—Four more bodies were recovered during the week-end as more than 1,500 men searched the flood-stricken Humber valley. The victims were among 79 persons known to have died in Ontario during the storm and flood Oct. 18. The bodies of 17 of the known dead have not yet been recovered. Seven others were missing and presumed dead and five are listed as missing. Included among those discovered today were David Palmater, 42, and Angus Small, 44, two of five volunteer firemen who were drowned when their truck was carried away by flood waters.

DESTROYED HOMES

Also recovered was the body of Darlene Neil, 5, drowned when the Humber river destroyed a row of homes on Raymore Drive in the western suburb of Etobicoke. The fourth body was identified as that of Helen Gillan, 37, of Raymore Drive. Her 37-year-old husband, George, also died in the floods. His body was found last week. As the search proceeded through the scenic river valley west and northwest of Toronto, clean-up crews with bulldozers and flame-throwers burned heaps of wreckage. Officials said any fresh flood, carry debris in a mighty surge down the valley, would be a serious threat to bridges. That was why they were anxious to complete the clean-up while good weather held. Searchers led by 800 reserve army men launched the big search Saturday in warm sunshine. Meanwhile, the Ontario Hurricane Relief Fund's drive for \$10,000,000 to assist flood sufferers passed the \$2,000,000 mark.

Call Off Search For Three Missing Men

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The RCAF Sunday called off its week-long search for three men missing in a motor-driven boat and listed them as missing and presumed dead. Thomas Boland, his son John, 30, and William O'Connell left Woods Island in a 17-foot dory for Cutting, 12 miles away. Only trace ever found was an oar picked up Thursday.

Expect 21 Candidates In Federal Nominations

OTTAWA (CP)—Twenty-one candidates are expected to file nomination papers today for the Nov. 8 by-election contests for six vacant seats in the House of Commons. Nominations close at 2 p. m. local standard time, in the federal constituencies of St. Antoine-Westmount and St. Lawrence-St. George in Montreal; York West, Toronto Trinity and Stormont in Ontario, and Selkirk in Manitoba. A surprise candidacy in St. Antoine-Westmount likely will put two Liberals into a four-way fight for the seat vacated by Finance Minister Abbott when he entered the Supreme Court of Canada. The official Liberal candidate is Transport Minister Marler, 53-year-old former Quebec Liberal leader who entered the federal cabinet July 1. However, Philippe Crevier, 56-year-old Montreal real estate dealer, announced Saturday he will file nomination papers and compete as a Liberal. **TRAILED ABBOTT** The other candidates in the riding are Progressive Conservative Egan Chambers, 33, an insurance salesman who trailed Mr. Abbott by 4,588 votes in last year's general election, and the Labor-Progressive (Communist) party candidate, Mrs. Louise Harvey, 41, who polled 216 votes last year. Both Liberals and Progressive Conservatives are contesting all six by-elections. The CCF is entering men in four—all but Stormont and St. Antoine-Westmount—and the LPB also will have four candidates, in all ridings except Stormont and Selkirk. No Social Credit candidates have been named. Liberals won five of the six seats in the 1953 elections, all but York West which was won by Progressive Conservative Rodney Adamson who was killed in the April 8 Moose Jaw, Sask., air crash. Three of the seats were held by cabinet ministers: St. Antoine-Westmount by Mr. Abbott, St. Lawrence-St. George by Defence Minister Claxton, who resigned to become an insurance company executive, and Stormont by Transport Minister Chevrier, now president of the St. Lawrence seaway authority. Toronto Trinity was held by Lionel Conacher, who died in a Commons softball game last May. (Continued on Page 2 col. 5)

Flier Crashes While Scattering Ashes

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—A flier crashed to his death near here Saturday while scattering the ashes of his best friend. The pilot's 13-year-old son also perished and another son suffered serious injuries. The pilot was Stanley Porter, a Brisbane air taxi service operator, who was fulfilling the request of a friend that, after death, his ashes be scattered over land he owned and loved.

London Dockers Refuse To Settle

LONDON (Reuters)—Six thousand representatives of striking British dock workers Sunday night voted unanimously to continue the massive waterfront labor stoppage jamming maritime Britain's vital sea lifeline. At a mass meeting in Hyde Park, the dockers' representatives toppled hopes for an early settlement of the dispute. They waved thousands of union cards to urge a continued strike in seven key British ports by the 44,000 cargo-handling workers they represent. Dick Barrett, secretary of the 7,000-strong National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers union which has sparked the predominantly "wildcat" strike, said the strikers will "fight on to the end" to win their main point that overtime work should be voluntary, not compulsory. He warned that any government move to use troops to shift cargoes would bring sympathy strikes from transport workers and miners.

IN FOURTH WEEK

The strike, now in its fourth week, has stranded more than 300 ships without cargoes in the key ports of London, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Southampton, Hull, Garston and Rochester. Two thirds of Britain's vital sea trade has been halted, and planes have been called in to shift the vital imports of food and raw materials, which Britain needs to live, and the manufactured goods exports by which she earns a living. The banner-waving dockers marched through London Sunday to the mass meeting called to decide whether they would carry on the dock strike. Police controlled traffic as the strikers strode through the streets from the Thames river embankment near the houses of Parliament to Hyde Park. The strike vote came in defiance of a fresh back-to-work appeal Sunday from Arthur Deakin, general secretary of the huge Transport and General Workers union, which has refused to back the strike though thousands of its members are involved in the walkout. Deakin has previously accused Communists of having a hand in the strike and using it to try and capture the labor union movement. **CAN'T FORECAST END** Hull dockers were told Sunday by

Two Young Boys Drowned When Truck Rolls Into Harbor

CHETICAMP, N.S. (CP)—Two young boys drowned Sunday when the truck in which they were playing rolled down a hill and plunged into Cheticamp harbor. Arthur Poirier, 7, and Gerald Poirier, 6, were trapped in the cab when the truck submerged in the choppy water. The boys weren't related. James Muise, 5, jumped from the back of the one-ton truck when it began to roll. Apparently one of the children moved the engine out of gear. A coroner's jury ruled the drownings accidental.

Dartmouth Girl Fatally Injured

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Marion Russell, 17, was fatally injured Saturday when struck by a car at Cheticamp, 20 miles from here on the province's eastern shore. The girl was hit when she stepped from another car and began walking across the highway. The driver was absolved of any blame at an inquest.

Italian Freighter Hard Aground

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—The U.S. Coast Guard said Sunday an Italian freighter is hard aground several miles east of Cape Charles light-house, but is in no danger. The ship, the 7,300-ton Santa Elisabetta, was en route from Monrovia to Baltimore with a cargo of ore when she went aground on the Smith island shoals. The ship's agents, Hasler and Company of Norfolk, said she normally carries a crew of 30 to 35 men. The Coast Guard sent two cutters to the scene, and a commercial tug was dispatched from Norfolk to help free the vessel.

ASK LEGALIZE LOTTERIES

QUEBEC (CP)—Quebec's Federation of Farm Women's clubs has asked the federal government to legalize lotteries in Quebec. The 40,000-member organization made the request in a resolution adopted during its annual meeting this week.

W. E. Newman, Assistant General Secretary of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers, said that it was impossible to forecast the end of the strike.

Newman indicated that the report of a three-man court of inquiry probing the causes of the strike would not be handed to Labor Minister Sir Walter Monckton until Tuesday. Then all parties would have to examine copies of the reports and more mass meetings would have to be arranged to gauge workers' feelings. Monckton is expected to make a statement on the strike in the House of Commons today. The government has warned the strikers that if necessary they will send troops in to clear the docks of piled-up cargoes.