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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT WELLINGTON DESTROYED

Mother And Child Lose Lives In Morell Fire

Flash Fire Believed To Have Originated From Explosion In Stove

A fire at Morell Saturday evening at 6 p. m. took the lives of a mother and her young son. Those dead are Mrs. George Robbins, about 39 years old, and Haidane, 18 months.

It is understood a kitchen stove exploded, causing a flash fire which consumed the one-storey house in a matter of minutes.

Mrs. Robbins rushed outside, a flaming torch. Her brother, Wilfred McEwen, tried to extinguish the flames in her clothing but she was critically burned and died at 3:30 a. m. Sunday in hospital at Souris.

Two other children were in the house, a son, Allison and a daughter, Wendie. Both escaped, but Allison's hands were severely burned when he tried to get back in to rescue his baby brother.

The body of the little boy was found several hours later. Dr. Malcolm Beck, coroner, ordered an inquest. The hearing was adjourned until Feb. 6 at St. Peter's. Neighbors gathered quickly at the scene of the fire and the Morell Fire Department responded, but nothing could be done to save the house.

It was believed that Mrs. Robbins was in the kitchen when the three children when the explosion occurred.

Mrs. Robbins, and two older sons, Garfield and Garnet, were not at home at the time.

Almost \$200 Stolen From City Home

Almost \$200 was stolen from the home of Mr. Oliver Duncan, 12 Kensington Road some time Saturday night or Sunday morning. The loss was discovered about eight o'clock yesterday morning.

The thief or thieves stole two purses, one containing \$195 and the other \$3. Entrance and exit were made by the west cellar window which was unfastened on the inside. City Police are investigating the theft.

Sharp Patrol Fights Continue In Korea

TOKYO, Jan. 22—(Monday)—(AP)—Tank and artillery-supported United Nations forces drove into strategic Wonju Sunday for the fourth time in five days and held its airstrip for three hours but Communist fire from hill-tops made it too hot to hold overnight.

AP correspondent William C. Barnard reported that as dusk American troops slowly pulled out of Wonju in 10-below-zero weather to defence positions to the south.

While the stubborn grapple of reinforced Eighth Army patrols and Communist forces continued indecisively, aggressive Reds forced Allied troops to withdraw from Ichon, 28 miles west of Wonju.

Allied patrols for three days had probed north of Ichon, which is within 31 air miles southeast of Seoul.

It is in this general area, south and east of Seoul, that powerful Chinese troop concentrations have been reported massing for another expected sledgehammer blow at the U. N. defences.

"They may be building up in that area for the attack," one intelligence officer remarked, "anyway, they don't want us to get up there and see what they are doing."

OIL RESERVES

Western Canada oil reserves have been placed at a minimum of 1,200,000 barrels.

Coming Events

- *Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *Garden Seeds! Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.
- *Dance, St. Margaret's School, Tuesday, January 23rd.
- *Parkdale community concert, five nights, opening Feb. 28.
- *Dance in Darnley Hall, Monday night, January 22nd. Sponsored by W. I.
- *Box Social and Dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Wednesday, January 24th.
- *Free Movies in Wheatley River Hall, Tuesday, January 23rd. Sale of candy.
- *Dance at the Rollaway tonight sponsored by the Student Nurses Charlottetown Hospital.
- *Show, Morell Community Hall, every Friday only. Show starts 8 o'clock.
- *Social Evening at Leslie Paynter's, Monday, January 22nd. Bingo, games, contests. Clinton W. I.
- *Dance, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Souris, Wednesday night, January 24th. Music by George Chappelle and his Merry Islanders.
- *Dance at Gordon Lodge tonight. Sponsored by St. Patrick's School District. Roads open to cars.
- *Emerald School, Wednesday, January 24, card party, sponsored by Home and School. Lunch served.
- *Hockey North River Rink on Monday, January 22. Cornwall Meteors vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs. Game time 8:30. Canteen service, skate after game.

Chief Engineer Of Highways Dept. Dies

A widely known Charlottetown man, Mr. Royal (Roy) Stuart MacBeath, former Chief Engineer of the Provincial Department of Public Works died yesterday afternoon in the Prince Edward Island Hospital following an illness of several months. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. MacBeath had been suffering from leukemia, a blood condition, since early last summer. He was confined to his home in November and entered the hospital shortly before Christmas.

A native of Marshfield, Mr. MacBeath was well and favourably known in engineering and athletic circles and his many friends will learn of his passing with regret.

He had been employed in the service of the Provincial Government since 1923, first as resident engineer and later as Kings County engineer. In 1942 he was appointed Chief Engineer for the province.

Born on February 22, 1888, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacBeath. He received his primary and elementary education at Marshfield after which he attended Prince of Wales College and McGill University.

Following his studies at McGill, where he played a prominent role in athletics, Mr. MacBeath enlisted in the Army and proceeded overseas with the Canadian National Railway troops in 1915.

After the war he began his engineering career and was employed for several years as resident engineer with the Montreal tramways. He later worked in Northern Ontario and Quebec on the construction of pulp and paper mills.

Before entering the service of the Provincial Government he was engaged in business with his brother-in-law, Mr. Chester Pratt of St. Peter's Bay.

An all-round athlete, Mr. MacBeath stood out in wrestling circles at McGill University when he won the heavyweight intercollegiate snowfall.

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Island Soldiers Stationed For Training In Washington



Among recent postings to the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, formed a month ago, and now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., for training, are two soldiers from Prince Edward Island.

U. S. Declares Own Needs Will Dictate Future Of Formosa

By Stanley Johnson

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 21—(AP)—The United States, in a far-reaching statement of policy, said today that the national security needs of the United States would dictate the future of Formosa.

Moreover, said Ambassador Ernest A. Gross, the U. S. will never participate in any conference about Formosa at which the Nationalist Government of Chiang Kai-Shek, is not represented.

The declaration was the most outspoken the U. S. has made on the Formosan question.

American sources said it apparently indicated acceptance of the highest governmental level of Gen. MacArthur's view that control of Formosa is vital to U. S. security.

It slammed the door on the possibility of a seven-power conference of the U. S., Russia, Britain, France, Red China, India and Egypt to discuss the problem of Formosa and the seating of the Peiping regime in the U. N.

Gross also said the U. S. "undertook no commitment with Communists in the United Nations. We continue to oppose that."

The statement, it is understood, is intended to warn non-Communists in advance that the U. S. will have no more part in any efforts to compromise with Red China on the Formosa and representation questions in return for a cease-fire in Korea.

Russia Delivers New Notes On Arming Germans

MOSCOW, Jan. 21—(AP)—The fact that Russia seems to consider German rearmament the supremely critical issue in present-day international politics was stressed again today with the publication of new Soviet notes to Britain and France.

These notes repeated the Russian contention—voiced in notes of Dec. 15—that rearmament of Western Germany is part of a plan for aggression against the Soviet Union and her Eastern European allies. They also repeated the charge that "the rebirth of German militarism" constitutes a violation of French and British treaties of alliance with Russia. Russia did not denounce the treaties, however.

The new notes brushed aside the arguments advanced by Britain and France in their replies of Jan. 5 and compared the Atlantic Pact to the anti-comintern pact of "Hitlerite Germany, Fascist Italy and militarist Japan."

Rearmed West Germans would be included in the armed forces of the Atlantic defence treaty countries.

Big News For Potato Growers

MONCTON, N.B., Jan. 19—(AP)—The big news for Maritime potato growers this week is that dumping of potatoes by the U. S. Government at one cent per 100 lbs. will be halted, states J. E. McIntyre, C. N. R. agricultural agent and secretary treasurer of the Maritime Fertilizer Council.

"At last, somebody has awakened to the fact that besides their baking qualities potatoes have sound and practical commercial uses, such as starch, flour, alcohol, etc."

"This announcement should have considerable effect not only in stimulating prices on present stocks in the U. S., but in Canada as well. It will also tend to prevent over-reduction in acreage planned for 1951. Present report from Maritime farmers show the largest percentage of storage loss in years, and this, along with larger amounts fed to livestock, would leave the stocks of marketable potatoes a lot smaller than statistics indicate."

"Those who intend to stay in the potato business," says Mr. McIntyre, "are already getting their mixed fertilizer supplies, still available at last year's prices. Demand in the U. S. this year is such that prices have recently gone up again in both chemical and organic nitrogen materials. Superphosphate from now on will also cost more, and all potash imports are already sold out."

One Killed, 25 Injured When Train Hits Truck

OTTAWA, Jan. 21—(CP)—One man was killed and 25 other persons injured, none severely, Saturday when the Canadian Pacific Railway's Vancouver-Montreal express, the Dominion, smashed into a stalled coal truck at a level crossing here and jumped the rails.

The locomotive engineer, 55-year-old G. Albert Scharfe of Ottawa, was scalded to death by live steam when trapped in the cabin of his engine. His fireman, Earl Ferguson of Smith Falls, Ont., leaped to safety and escaped with scalded burns about the face and arms.

The truck driver, Romeo Albert, and his helper, Jim Davis, jumped and escaped unharmed when they saw the train bearing down on them. Their truck had stalled on the tracks.

The train, coming out of the west and running an hour and 20 minutes late, was highballing through Westboro, one of the capital's western suburbs, at 60 miles an hour when the crash occurred at 7:45 A. M. E. S. T.

MILITARY WEDDING

FORT LEWIS, Wash., Jan. 21—(CP)—Canada's special force training here had its first full-dress military wedding Saturday. Miss Monique Cartier of St. Jean, Que., near Montreal, was married to Maj. L. Y. Dube of the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, at the Fort's main chapel.

76-Year-Old Building Burned Sunday Morning

Will Cost At Least \$50,000 To Replace, Parish Priest Estimates.

Fire, yesterday morning, completely destroyed the 76-year-old Roman Catholic Church of Wellington parish, which was located on the main highway about two miles east of Richmond Village. Only the sacred vessels and a few of the vestments were saved from the wooden building which burned very quickly.

The blaze was discovered about eight o'clock by Mr. Clifford Cameron who was tending the furnace fire which had been lit earlier for the ten o'clock mass. He immediately called the pastor, the Rev. Leonard MacDonald, who endeavored to quench the fire with an extinguisher, and it looked for a moment as if he might be successful, but the fire had spread to the upper floor and it was soon evident that their efforts were futile.

People did not gather very fast due to the early hour and when they did arrive the fire had advanced to such a stage that nothing could be done to save the building and they could only watch the sacred edifice that had stood there longer than the oldest of them could remember, succumb to the flames.

Assistance From Summerside

However, a call had been put in for the Summerside Fire Department and before nine o'clock a detachment arrived with their new pumper, and seeing that the church was beyond saving, they gave their attention to the horse shed which had caught in a number of places. A stiff breeze was blowing at this time towards the shed and the hall beyond. With the help of local people who carried water for the tank of the pumper, the fire on the shed was extinguished and it was kept wet till all danger had passed.

While the attention of the firemen and the people was being directed on the shed the hall was suddenly seen to be on fire but in a few minutes a stream from the pumper extinguished this too.

The church had been enlarged this past summer and the cellar had been excavated and a new furnace installed, all at a cost of about \$12,000. Only on last Saturday

News In Brief

- MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 21—(Reuters)—Melbourne's temperature shot up past 94.3 degrees Saturday during the hottest summer for 43 years.
- TORONTO, Jan. 21—(CP)—George Drew, national leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, said Saturday Communism should be defined as an offence in the Criminal Code, permitting courts to crack down on activities which "threaten our basic freedoms."
- MOSCOW, Jan. 21—(AP)—Peter N. Pospelov, editor of Pravda, in an address bitterly attacking "American imperialism," told a distinguished audience including Prime Minister Stalin tonight that any American plans to make war against Russia on land in Europe and Asia are "foredoomed to failure."

Fresh Troubles Pile On Old Worries In Britain

By GLENN WILLIAMS

LONDON, Jan. 21—(AP)—An army of troubles, perhaps the most frightening since this country shuddered under the blitz, besets Britain's Government and people.

Fears of a new war and shortages of vital materials at an hour of expanded demand overhang the country as Parliament prepares to assemble Tuesday.

An arms program much greater than that of 1939 cries for men, money, materials and national sacrifice at a time when the country is short of everything but sacrifices.

Manpower already is scarce. The coal mines are undermanned and losing men at the rate of 20,000 a year.

The situation might well force either a new election or a coalition with Winston Churchill's Conservatives. Agitation for a coalition is growing, but Attlee, Aneurin Bevan, the new Labor Minister, and the Labor Party secretary, Morgan Phillips, all said last week they want no part of a coalition.

The price of a coalition probably would be the scuttling of Labor's state ownership of industry, including iron and steel.

Manpower already is scarce. The coal mines are undermanned and losing men at the rate of 20,000 a year.

The armed services are demanding 200,000 more for the army and 85,000 for the Air Force. Between 100,000 and 200,000 reserves from the Second World War are likely to be called up for refresher training. The arms industries need another 250,000 when gun-making hits its peak.

Most political observers believe strict control of the labor force—

Death Yesterday Of Former Cabinet Member



The late Mr. Wright

Tributes To Late Mr. Wright

The following tribute to the late Mr. Wright was received last evening from the Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Chief Justice:

"The Hon. Horace Wright has been a prominent figure in the public life of Prince Edward Island for the past thirty years.

"He enjoyed an outstanding measure of confidence on the part of the electors of his home constituency of Fourth Prince, which he represented for about sixteen years in the Provincial Legislature.

"It had the pleasure of having Mr. Wright as a colleague in the Legislature from 1936 to 1943, and in the Executive Council from 1939 to 1943. I found in him a fine personal friend, and a valued administrative supporter. He took the trouble to familiarize himself with parliamentary and governmental procedure to a marked degree, and devoted himself to the promotion of policies which he considered to be in the best interests of the community, particularly along the lines of agriculture, labor and temperance.

"Although normally considered a Liberal, Mr. Wright considered principle as being ultimately more important than political party. Thus he became a candidate of the Progressive Party in 1920 on account of its advanced agricultural programs, but returned in 1927 to support the Liberal Party's temperance policy.

"The late Mr. Wright will leave a wide circle of personal friends and public admirers to mourn his passing."

From Premier Jones

The following tribute was received from Premier J. Walter Jones:

"A study of the career of the late Horace Wright should be an inspiration to all citizens of Prince Edward Island.

"Born in Bedeque, he made a great success of his farming operations. He educated his family and became engaged in all worthy enterprises to improve his fellow farmers' lot. He was a leader in church and state. Possessed of a passion for what he considered right, he fought tenaciously but without rancor. He was elected and re-elected several times to

May Defeat Government

The demands of the arms program could perhaps tell the Government, which has a majority of only six votes in the House of Commons.

Criticism splatters around Prime Minister Attlee. Many people and newspapers, even some usually sympathetic to his Labor regime, cry that he has offered no commanding leadership. There are repeated de-

The death occurred at the Prince Edward Island Hospital yesterday of Hon. Horace Wright, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board and a former President of the Executive Council and Liberal representative for many years in the Legislature for the Fourth District of Prince. He was stricken with a heart attack on Dec. 7 last, and his condition since that time had been critical.

The late Mr. Wright was born at Bedeque on Jan. 7, 1879, a son of the late Thomas Wright and Mary Alice Hooper, both of Empire Loyalist descent.

Defeated as a Progressive candidate for the House of Commons in the general election of 1921, and also in a Provincial contest for Second Prince about the same time, Mr. Wright returned to the political arena in 1927 and was elected to the Legislature as a Liberal colleague of the late Hon. Walter Lea in Fourth Prince. In 1930 he became a member without portfolio in the Lea Government, and was defeated along with the Government in the following election of 1931.

At a by-election caused by the death of Premier Lea in 1936 Mr. Wright was again successful in retaining the seat for the Liberals. He was re-elected at the general elections of 1939 and 1943. Following the 1939 election he was re-appointed to the Cabinet as a non-portfolio member, and in 1940 became President of the Executive Council. In the following year he was appointed President of the Prince Edward Island War Labour Board.

In 1947, during the meat packers' strike, Mr. Wright was appointed Government controller at the local Canada Packers plant which had been taken over temporarily by the Government. He sponsored the Trade Union Act which was passed by the Legislature in the following March, imposing restrictions on the operation of outside labour organizations in the Province.

Mr. Wright resigned his seat in 1949 to become chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Province. He had a serious illness during that year, from which he rallied successfully.

Mr. Wright was a constant ad-

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TORONTO, Jan. 21—(CP)—Minimum temperatures observed between 7:30 p. m. and 7:30 a. m. EST, maximum temperatures between 7:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.: Victoria 37 44; Edmonton 21b 5; Calgary 4 37; Regina 12b 9; Winnipeg 25b 20; Toronto 15 19; Ottawa 16 17; Montreal 25 38; Quebec 20 33; Saint John — 50; Moncton 20 53; Halifax 40 50; Charlottetown 29 49; Sydney 29 51; Yarmouth 43 54; St. John's 25 44.

HALIFAX, Jan. 21—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis:
Strong northwest winds and gales are bringing a quick end to the mild spell of the past few days. Temperatures rose as high as 60 in the Annapolis Valley, and the 50s in many parts of the Southern Maritimes Sunday. Daytime temperatures Monday will range from 25 to 35 degrees colder than Sunday.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Monday.

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with a few clear intervals. Much colder. West winds 30. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 16 and 18.

High tide today at 11:15 A. M. and 5:44 P. M.
Sun rises at 7:44 A. M. and sets at 5:05 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE
Leave Borden 8:19 A.M. Leave C. T. 2:40 P.M.

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Leave Borden 8:45 P.M. Leave C. T. 8:00 P.M.