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Lionel Conacher Collapses At Annual Ball Game; Dies Within Few Minutes

OTTAWA, (CP)—Lionel Conacher died Wednesday night a few minutes after collapsing in a few minutes after the annual softball game between the Members of Parliament and the Parliamentary press gallery.

Mr. Conacher, 52, was Liberal MP for Toronto Trinity and Canada's greatest athlete of the half-century.

The hospital emergency ward said: "He passed away just five minutes after he arrived."

The sudden death shocked Members of Parliament, the press gallery and the small crowd that was watching the game on the front lawn of the Parliament buildings.

Mr. Conacher, known as "the Big Train" in his sports days, was semi-conscious when taken away in an ambulance.

Dr. W. H. McMillan, Liberal MP for Welland, who attended Mr. Conacher as soon as he fell, said he had apparently suffered a heart attack.

Had Hit Triple

Mr. Conacher collapsed a few seconds after hitting a triple. He was standing on third base while the pitcher was about to throw to the next batter when he suddenly crashed to the lawn in front of the Parliament buildings.

Dr. McMillan, Harold Winsch, CCF member for Vancouver East, and other members immediately rushed to his aid.

Rev. Dan Melvor, Liberal MP for Port William and coach of the Parliamentary team, said a brief prayer before the small, stunned crowd. He called on "the great Healer" to bring Mr. Conacher back to health.

Maurice Jeffries of the Windsor Star, who was playing third base for the gallery team, said: "He looked rather grey when he came into third."

"I said to him 'that was quite a clout'."

Coming Events

- Dance in Gowan Brae School, Friday, May 28th.
Dance in Millview Hall, every Friday.
Dance, Cardross School, Friday, May 28.

- Watch for Ellis Bros. re-opening sale tomorrow.
Come to South Rustico tonight and see Wheatley River play.
Harrington Presbyterian Church, Thursday 8 p. m. The film, "All that I have."

- Reserve Wednesday, June 2, for Wiltshire concert at Wheatley River Hall at 8:30.
Effective June 2nd, our store will close at noon on Wednesdays. Cousins General Store, Rose Valley.
Show, Morell Hall, Friday and Saturday. "Meeting". This is an outstanding picture. Don't miss it.

- Get your reserved tickets now for the Ink Spots Show, on sale at Holman's China Department.
Seeds! Store open daily, also Monday and Thursday evenings until 9 p. m. Arthur Vesey.
White Prince mangel seed. We still have some left. Arthur Vesey, York.

- Dance St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, Thursday, May 27. Good music. Canten service.
Reserve Saturday, June 26th for Garden Party at the Youth Centre, Craupaud.
See and hear sound Christian film "I Have Found My Messiah" at Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, Sunday 8:30.

- Chicken Barbecue at Charlottetown sponsored by the Poultry Industry Committee. Reserve the date, July 8th.
Hear Bill Kenny sing The Lord's Prayer - something you'll never forget - Forum, May 31st, 8:15 p. m.
Come to Pownal Hall Friday, May 28th for Variety Concert including Hillsboro Chorus, Highland Dancing, etc. Alexandra W. I.

- See Kelly's Cross Players present their three act play "The Middleme Maid", Kinkora Hall, Friday, May 28th, 8:30.
Buying daily until Monday, May 31st, good pigs weighing 40 lbs. and over. Paying highest market prices. Wellington McNeill & Son, Buntain & Bell's Wharf.
See and hear sound colored Christian film, "I Have Found My Saviour" in Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, Sunday, 8:30 p. m.
Charlton Women's Institute present their three act play, "Aunt Jerushy On The Way Path", in York Hall, May 28th, Curtain 8:30. Admission 50 and 35.

- Harrington will present their play "Uncle John Perkins" in Bonshaw Hall Friday night, May 28th. Curtain at 8:30. Sponsored by the Bonshaw W.M.A.

Explosion On U.S. Carrier Kills 89 And Injures 201

French Order Military Commander From Indo-China To Geneva Conference

GENEVA, (AP)—The French ordered a high military commander from Indo-China to Geneva Wednesday as a showdown neared in the prolonged talks to end 7 1/2 years of hostilities.

The French commander was called to the scene to sit down with an opposite number in the Communist-led Vietnam regime and draw cease-fire lines if the Geneva conference adopts new proposals advanced by British Foreign Secretary Eden.

This development capped a one-day pause in the Indo-China debate which produced these other signs of an approaching test:

1. French Foreign Minister Bidault told a four-hour cabinet meeting in Paris the Geneva parley should take a decisive turn in about eight or 10 days.

2. The western Big Three and the Communist bloc held separate private meetings during the day to line up strategy for today's renewal of the nine-party Indo-China negotiations.

IDENTITY NOT KNOWN
Identity of the French commander, expected in Geneva in a few days via Paris, was not made known here.

A Reuters dispatch said it was believed that military representatives of the Communist Vietnam command already are in Geneva.

Eden proposed a four-point plan including a provision that representatives of the two commands in Indo-China meet at once in Geneva to determine the areas within which rival forces would be withdrawn in a cease-fire.

Eden called for the defining of regrouping areas in Viet Nam, one of the three associated states of Indo-China, as the first task of the military commanders.

He also proposed that the conference simultaneously work on other military matters of the cease-fire beginning with arrangements for international supervision.

QUONSET POINT, R. I., (CP)—Almost 300 sailors were killed or injured early Wednesday when fire and explosion rocked the huge U. S. aircraft carrier Bennington in calm seas 75 miles off shore.

In a revised casualty list of 12 hours later the navy announced the known dead totalled 89 and the injured 201. The announcement added that the death total "may rise."

There were 2,800 men aboard the carrier when the explosion near the forward crew quarters rocked the vessel. Earlier estimates placed the death total as high as 110.

Some survivors said they heard the explosion was undetermined. He placed the general location as in one of three or four "major items of equipment."

Search Launched For Four Persons Two Days Overdue On Fishing Trip

WINNIPEG (CP)—Searchers in planes and motorboats scoured the rugged shoreline of the Winnipeg river in eastern Manitoba Wednesday for four persons reported two days overdue on a holiday fishing trip in the Whiteshell forest reserve.

The search was the second in the area by the RCMP within four days. On Tuesday a Winnipeg angler was found safe but in poor condition after wandering through the bush for nearly four days.

Unreported since reaching Engleest Lake, near the Ontario boundary, in a 14-foot motorboat Saturday was Alex W. Kay, 32, and his wife, Lorna, 31, of Winnipeg; Guy Ridgeway, 34, of suburban St. James, and a fourth person, believed to be Mrs. Tillie Armstrong of suburban Brooklands.

The Kays and Mr. Ridgeway are known to have made the 24-mile trip upstream from Pointe Du Bois to Engleest, and friends said they believe Mrs. Armstrong was with them.

Meanwhile, 42-year-old William Mandock, who was rescued from the Whiteshell area Tuesday, was reported to have taken a turn for the worse in hospital. He was brought by plane to Winnipeg suffering from shock and exposure.

The Kay party took a tent, sleeping bags and other equipment with them to the Whiteshell area. When they failed to return Tuesday, relatives began checking Hydro officials reported the Kay automobile was still parked near the dock at Pointe Du Bois.

Canada-Spain Sign Trade Pact
Salt Cod For Olive Oil

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada has negotiated its first direct bilateral trade pact with Spain, gaining a wider market for dry salted codfish in return for tariff cuts on edible olive oil, almonds and paprika.

The new pact, announced in the Commons Wednesday by External Affairs Minister Pearson, also nails down Canadian-Spanish tariff reductions which were extended to Canada under an old Spanish-British treaty.

These are the most-favored-nation tariff rates which now will not only apply on shipments to Spain but to all Spanish colonies.

Under the pact, Canada and Spain agree not to impose discriminatory import and exchange curbs, except for balance of payment reasons.

Spain is a sterling area country and is short of dollars. She gets some aid from the United States in return for air base concession.

However, under the new pact, if she imposes curbs because of dollar problems, she must not discriminate between dollar countries. In other words she cannot impose some curb against Canada if she does not do so against the U. S.

IN FORCE JULY 1
The new agreement, signed in Madrid Wednesday by Works Minister Winters and Spanish Foreign Minister Martin Artaaz, will come into force provisionally July 1.

The Spanish government, which allowed imports of about 1,500 tons of Canadian dry salted codfish last year, agrees to provide for a minimum annual import of 2,000 metric tons from dollar countries. Most of this is expected to come from Canada's east coast and Mr. Pearson said the arrangement "will improve and stabilize sales in our traditional Spanish market."

In return, Canada will cut the duty on edible olive oil to five per cent from 7 1/2, will make a small reduction in the duty on paprika and eliminate the one-cent-a-pound tariff on almonds. She also agrees to make permanent the temporary arrangement of allowing olives into Canada duty-free. At one time olives were subject to a 17 1/2 per cent duty.

TO EXTEND CONCESSIONS
The small tariff concessions that Canada has granted Spain will be extended to member countries of (Continued on Page 15 col. 2)

Prince Of Wales College Convocation On Friday

The annual Convocation of Prince of Wales College will be held on Friday morning at ten o'clock in the College Auditorium.

Premier the Hon. A. W. Matthews, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will preside and the Convocation address will be given by Mr. Walter R. Shaw, retired Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Dr. Frank MacKinnon will give the Principal's address and the valedictorian will be Mr. Clair MacLeod of the graduating class.

Fourth Year Honour Diplomas (Alphabetical)
Randolph Buchanan, Eldon Norman, Carruthers, Augustine Cove

Virginia Coffin, Rollo Bay West Robert Crooks, Sydney, N.S.
Barbara Dalton, Summerside John Gillis, South Pinette Marjorie Hurst, Charlottetown William MacCannell, Ch'town Clair MacLeod, Bonshaw Mary MacNutt, Malpeque Patterson MacPherson, Ch'town Wilma Wood, Central Royalty.

Graduating Diplomas
Brewer Auld, Freetown Briar Chandler, Charlottetown Shirley Clay, Parkdale Paul Cudmore, Charlottetown John DeRoche, Miscouche Kent Ellis, Souris Gordon MacNeill, Monique Norris Mizuno, Summerside, Ont. Barbara Woodsie, Margate.

Fourth Year Pass List
Margaret Beagan, Charlottetown Ruth Currie, Hantsport, N.S. Kenneth MacDonald, Kilmuir William MacKinnon, Ch'town.

Child Killed At Halifax
HALIFAX, (CP)—Bruce John Turner, 4, became the first traffic fatality here this year when he was struck and killed by a coal truck Wednesday. Police said he darted from the sidewalk beneath the rear wheels.

Stronger Potato Market Indicated
HALIFAX, (CP)—Indications are that the potato market will be stronger for the remainder of the season. R. J. MacSween, director of marketing for Nova Scotia, said Wednesday.

Halifax Man To Command Frigate
OTTAWA, (CP)—Cdr. Breen Philip Young, 41, of Halifax, will assume command of the modernized frigate Penetang when the ship is commissioned at Louzon, Que., June 1, the Navy announced Wednesday.

The Penetang is the sixth of 21 wartime frigates to be modernized. Cdr. Young, a native of West Peppeswick, Halifax county, formerly was Queen's harbor master and master attendant at HMCS Dockyard, Halifax. He has been succeeded in this post by Lt. Cdr. Kenneth A. Stone, 31, of Brandon, Man., and Vancouver.

In N. Y. On Long Horseback Ride
NEW YORK, (AP)—Ana Bekker, 36, crossed the George Washington bridge over the Hudson river into New York City Wednesday on her horseback ride from Buenos Aires to Ottawa.

She left Argentina Oct. 1, 1950, and hopes to beat the distance record of an Argentine who rode a horse to New York several years ago.

She plans to remain in New York about 10 days before proceeding to Canada.

Charge Railways Hitting "Captives"
The long haul made most Atlantic seaboard businessmen wholly dependent on the railways.

"What has been particularly disconcerting under the circumstances is that not only does the shipper in the Maritimes stand to lose but, to the extent that traffic has been lost to the railways or competitive reduction affected, the additional revenues required to make up increased revenue needs have been saddled upon traffic 'captives' to the rails," the report said.

The commission recalled that most Maritime goods moved to other parts of Canada under rates that applied to a specific commodity. These rates in the past had remained relatively low because the railways were able to charge more to carry other types of traffic elsewhere in Canada.

FORCED CUT RATES
However, the railways now were being forced to slash these higher rates to meet increasing competition by truckers. There was a simultaneous threat of the losses being passed on by the railways to the Maritime shippers of commodity-rated or non-competitive goods.

The report said there was a need for a more detailed study of competitive rates and their effect on the nation. This study would show (Continued on Page 15 col. 2)

Report Bishop Boyle Improved
His Excellency Most Rev. James Boyle, Bishop of Charlottetown, has passed the crisis in his illness following an operation in London, England, according to a cable message received yesterday morning by Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan.

The message from Bishop John R. MacDonald, who accompanied Bishop Boyle on the journey to Rome, added that His Excellency was much improved and was on the road to recovery and the doctors were hopeful.

Late last night Reuters news agency reported from London that His Excellency was still critically ill. He had been on his way to Rome for the Canonization of Pope Pius X when he was stricken.

Next Move In Rail Dispute Is Left To Operators; Strike Vote Ordered
MONTREAL, (CP)—Officials of 14 unions have left the next move in a dispute with the nation's railways up to their 135,000 members with a call for a strike vote to begin in mid-June.

The decision was announced Wednesday by Frank Hall, head of the unions' negotiating committee. The committee met here last week to discuss rejection by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railroads of a federal conciliation board report on the workers' demands for a list of fringe benefits.

The strike ballots will be marked for return not later than Aug. 2. The result of the vote will be announced in Montreal, probably around mid-August.

Labor Minister Gregg has been informed by letter of the union's decision to call a vote, Mr. Hall said.

Employees involved do not operate trains but work in railway shops, freight houses, stations, offices, express services and on the tracks. With the exception of railway hotel employees, they are the same ones that staged a crippling nine-day strike in 1950. Those involved also include signmen, commercial telegraphers and sleeping-car porters.

The unions are asking for cumulative sick leave, eight statutory holidays a year with pay, three weeks' paid vacation after 10 years' service and premium pay for Sunday's work. The railways contend that granting the requests would cost them \$60,000,000 a year.

Transportation Commission Officers
AMHERST, N. S. (CP)—A. Murray MacKay of Halifax was elected chairman of the Maritime Transportation Commission at the annual meeting here Wednesday.

Other officers: L. W. Simms, Saint John, senior vice-chairman; Edgar Miller, St. John's, Newfoundland vice-chairman; E. D. Reid, Charlottetown; Prince Edward Island vice-chairman; Johnstone Chew, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia vice-chairman.

Rand H. Matheson of Moncton was re-appointed executive manager.

Attending Young Liberal Federation Meeting At Ottawa
OTTAWA, May 26—(Special)—Four members of the younger generations of Prince Edward Island Liberals arrived in Ottawa today and will take part in the national convention of the Young Liberal Federation of Canada which opens Thursday morning at the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

The visiting group is composed of Gilbert Clements of Montague, president of the Young Liberal Association of Prince Edward Island; Stirling Veale of Charlottetown, president of the Young Liberals of Queens County; Charles Linkletter, representing the Liberal youth of Prince, and Dick MacLean, official delegate from Kings.

Delegates Clements and MacLean were at the parliament buildings today and chatted with Neil A. Matheson, Liberal member for Queens and J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince.

The convention opens with registration in the morning and many of the arrivals will be greeted by their own local M.P.'s. An official welcome will be extended the gathering by Duncan K. MacTavish, Q.C., president of the Canadian Liberal Federation of Canada.

N Y Longshoremen Vote Quietly
NEW YORK, (AP)—The old International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and a rival new AFL union of the same name. However, challenged ballots could hold the balance and delay for weeks the naming of a bargaining agent for the port's 25,000 longshoremen.

Some 2,500 policemen stood by the polling places, but they had little to do except savor the sunny spring weather.

POSTPONE TV SHOW
LONDON (Reuters)—The BBC Tuesday postponed its first ship-to-shore television program, scheduled to be televised from a steamer crossing the English Channel, because of French demands for payment of customs duties on the TV equipment.

Blame Mother In Death Of Child
RIMOUSKI, Que., (CP)—A coroner's jury Wednesday found Mrs. Louise Tremper criminally responsible in the death of her seven-year-old son, Guif.

At the close of the inquest, conducted by coroner Dr. Louis-Ernest St. Hilaire of Luceville, Que., the 32-year-old mother shouted hysterically: "You know I killed him. Leave me alone. Do with me as you wish."

Police said the child was bludgeoned to death Monday as he lay sleeping in his bed in the family's east-side home in this St. Lawrence river town, 200 miles northeast of Quebec City.

Following the verdict, Mrs. Tremper was taken to Quebec provincial police cells to await arraignment on a yet unannounced charge.

Several persons testified at the inquest, including Det.-Sgt. Valere Boulet of provincial police who confirmed reports that Mrs. Tremper told police she had crushed the child's head with a baseball bat because "he was ill and suffering."

Dr. Jean-Marie Roussel of Montreal, medico-legal expert, who performed an autopsy on the body, testified the child was killed with a blunt instrument.

The woman, whose husband is a house-painter, has two other sons, both of school age.

A Human Sponge Will Absorb Anything But Water

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