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TWO IMPORTANT TREATIES WILL BE SIGNED MAY 17

Attempts To Row 125-Miles, Sable Is. To N.S.

Catholic Church At Grand River Struck By Lightning Bolt

A sudden, freak, electrical storm, the first of the season, quickly changed yesterday's sunny Sunday afternoon skies to dark gale driven rain bearing clouds and about 3:30 P.M. produced one visible bolt of lightning that struck and ignited the single spire of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Grand River.

This steeple, which is about 100 feet in height, lost about the top 25 feet to the flames that developed from the lightning bolt.

Fire departments from Tyne Valley, Wellington, and Summerside, responded to the call for assistance. The Tyne Valley Fire Department was the first to arrive, and was successful in extinguishing the blaze which because of its height, was hard to control.

When talking to the Guardian last evening, Rev. W. D. MacDonald, the parish priest, gave credit to the work of the Tyne Valley fire equipment for saving the building.

He reported no damage had been done to the interior of the church, and that damage to the steeple was covered by insurance.

He estimated that the replacement value of the steeple might run to three or four thousand dollars, and said the work of rebuilding will begin as soon as possible.

A large number of parishioners quickly gathered and assisted in every way they could.

It is believed that water which to fight the fire was readily available in a nearby stream. — S.

N. B. Church Damaged

NEWCASTLE, N. B., April 20 (CP)—Lightning struck the Roman Catholic Church at Collette, on the Newcastle-Rogersville highway, this afternoon, and caused damage estimated at \$20,000, although no fire resulted.

The same bolt, apparently following a power line, struck three more times in the same district. Albert Pitrie, an invalid, suffered leg and chest burns as he lay in bed. Damage of \$200 occurred at the home of Robert Pitrie, a relative and next door neighbor. The flash then caused an arm injury to Mrs. Emmanuel Gaudet.

The lightning struck during New Brunswick's first reported electrical storm of the season.

Search for Seven Airmen Abandoned

HALIFAX, April 20 (CP)—The search for seven naval airmen missing since their planes collided and plunged into the ocean off southwestern Nova Scotia Thursday was abandoned during the week-end.

R. C. A. F. planes and naval ships, after a full sweep Saturday in ideal conditions, reported no trace of the men, crew members of two Avengers from the navy's first air base at nearby Shearwater.

BERLIN, April 20 (AP)—East and West Berlin united on one subject today. They ignored Adolf Hitler's birthday. He would have been 63 years old.

Coming Events

**Seeds! Send for Free Catalog Arthur Vesey, York.

**Wiltshire hall tonight, crokinole and lunch.

**Cleaning grain April 25th to May 15th. Jack Gillis, Flat River.

**Blue Goose Restaurant, De Sable, now open every evening, except Mondays.

**Dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Webster's Orchestra.

**Come in and talk over our Purina finance plan for feeding your chicks and hogs. Dillon & Spillet.

**For Snapshots that will not fade, make your Films and Negatives to Garnum Photo Studios, Charlottetown.

**Hear Pipe Major Burke and his "Lads and Lassies" Band in Belfast Hall, Friday, April 25th, 8:30 P. M. Sponsored by North Pinette Women's Institute.

**Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., each Tuesday at Crapaud and Carleton. When roads are impassable farmers are asked to deliver hogs to our trucks at Crapaud, and Carleton, up until 11 A. M. each Tuesday, under the same arrangement as last year. R. N. Dawson, Phone No. 13-21 or 17.

Condition Critical



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Racing Car Goes Out Of Control; 4 Dead, 42 Hurt

DAYTON, O., April 20 (AP)—A big red and white racing car suddenly whirled out of control at Dayton Speedway today, smacked a paint barrel, and plunged into a crowded grandstand killing four persons and injuring 42.

Its driver, 29-year-old Gordon Reid of Burbank, Calif., a father of four was killed instantly. Also killed was a track guard, Robert Thatcher, 22, who tried to shunt people out of the racer's path; Gene Lawson, 19, and an unidentified woman.

Only eight persons of the 42 injured required treatment at hospitals.

Reid was running second on the fifth lap of a 10-lap race.

Suddenly, observers said, his Eagle-Stanko Special spun at the top of a high bank near the north grandstands, and hit the paint barrel, splintering spectators with its contents.

Then the car roared into the grandstands.

Reid was the father of four children, aged 5, 4, 17 months, and two weeks.

Track officials said they did not think his car had mechanical trouble.

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask., April 20 (CP)—Duncairn dam held today, protecting this city of 7,500 population from a torrential discharge of flood waters. Engineers in charge of the 16-mile-long Duncairn irrigation reservoir were certain the earth-and-concrete girder would not give. But the ganger would continue.

"It could go in five hours or five days," said Jim Switzer, engineer of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.

Swift Current civil defence committee headquarters said the situation had not improved. Crews were working at the dam without let-up.

No water now is flowing over the threatened \$200,000 concrete spillway, undermined by soil erosion along its lower perimeter. Danger to the dam is focused in these eroded areas and engineers are trying to reinforce the weak spots with timbers.

To relieve pressure there, engineers last night cut an emergency spillway to carry the outflow of the overloaded reservoir. Engineers are also building a buffer dam behind the concrete spillway in yet another effort to relieve it. Also helping run off the excess water is a conduit pipe running from the floor of the reservoir.

Twenty-five miles north of the dam on the Swift Current Creek is the city, a saucer-like community with its centre in a hollow.

Swift Current was mobilized for an emergency and placed on a two-hour alert. During the last week families from 300 to 400 homes have been moved from the city's low area. These have been quartered in homes on higher ground and in the incomplete union hospital.

Two thousand blankets, 400 cots, 1,000 mattresses, 400 portable cots, 150 lanterns, 100 pairs of high rubber boots, two assault boats and six stretchers are on hand.

Duncairn reservoir, built 10 years ago by the P.F.R.A., is 16 miles long, three-quarters of a mile wide and roughly 35 feet deep. The dam is 5,000 feet long.

P. E. I. Guernsey Breeder Makes High Records

Mr. Brenton Newson, Brackley, P. E. I., has recently completed some splendid records on R.O.P.

The first one made by Evergreen Beatrice, a 5 year old cow of 13-192M 603F in 365 days on twice a day milking. She was bred by Harold Laird, Kensington and is sired by Evergreen Beauty's Jim, the second cow Square Grove Mayflower also carrying Evergreen breeding made 9,941M and 564F in 365 days milked twice a day, she was bred by Eric MacMurdo, Kensington.

The third record was made by Rose Marie 4th, 10,620M 566F in 365 days, on twice a day milking as a 3 year old, she was bred by Buddy Horne, Winsloe, and was sired by Roseward Honor's Monitor, a bull imported from New Hampshire by the P.E.I. Guernsey breeders.

Mr. Newson has only a small herd and is to be congratulated on their records.

AERIAL SPORTS TRAFFIC
STOCKHOLM (CP)—Approximately 1,000 passengers will be carried daily by the "air lift" between Stockholm and Helsinki to be established for this summer's Olympic Games at the Finnish capital. The Scandinavian Airlines System and Finnish Aero are co-operating in the service.

One Will End Occupation Of West Germany

BONN, April 20 (Reuters)—Two vital treaties—one ending the Allied occupation of Germany, the other setting up the European army—will be signed May 17, informed Allied sources said today.

Both treaties will come into force simultaneously when ratified by all parliaments concerned, a process expected to last several months.

The treaty ending the occupation of West Germany will be signed by the foreign ministers of Britain, the United States and France in the office of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who will sign for West Germany.

The same day, under the present plan, the ministers will fly to the Hague, where the six members of the European Defence Community will sign the European army treaty.

Straight Exchange Deal
Signature of the two treaties must take place as nearly simultaneously as possible since West Germany is being presented with a straight deal—the end of the occupation in exchange for her commitment to join Western defence.

But it is considered psychologically impossible to sign in Germany the treaty setting up the European army. Besides Germany, the European Defence Community countries are France, Italy and the three Benelux countries.

The only requirement for keeping to the present timetable is that all the remaining work on the treaties must be finished in time.

Both the U.S. high commissioner, John J. McCloy, and Adenauer are exerting maximum pressure to clean up the outstanding points on the contractual agreement for Germany, which will replace the occupation statute.

Final Conference
State Secretary Dean Acheson of the U.S. is expected in Europe May 9. Between his arrival and the day planned for the German treaty signature, the ministers expect to hold a final conference, probably in Paris, to give their formal blessing to the work of the negotiators and tie up any loose points.

Usually well-informed sources consider that the only point which risks upsetting the timetable is the division of West Germany's cash contribution to Western defence between her own troops and support of Allied troops stationed in Germany.

Scores Of Families Lose Belongings In Vancouver Blaze

VANCOUVER, April 20 (CP)—A \$500,000 fire today destroyed a four-story warehouse here containing the stored belongings of scores of families.

Ten firemen were overcome by smoke in fighting what was the biggest industrial-district fire here in two years.

Destroyed was the Bowman Storage and Cartage Ltd. warehouse near a mile from the heart of downtown Vancouver.

Insurance adjusters gave a preliminary damage estimate of "well over half a million dollars."

Frederick R. Armstrong, company manager, said contents—such things as furniture and variety of household effects—are apparently a total loss.

Cause of the fire is undetermined. Fourteen hours after the fire broke out, firemen were still pouring water on the smouldering ruins.

Smoke and water damage was done to four industrial firms neighboring the brick-and-wood building.

Two of the 10 firemen overcome by smoke needed hospital treatment but were later released. The others were treated at the scene.

Norman Akins, Chief Fire Warden, said it will be "some time" before the ashes cool sufficiently to allow a complete investigation.

The fire was the biggest of its kind since a \$600,000 fire hit British Columbia Packers waterfront property in May, 1950.

News In Brief

WINDSOR, England, April 20 (Reuters)—The Queen, 26 year old Monday, will celebrate her first birthday as sovereign quietly at the castle here where her father was buried in February.

LONDON, April 20 (AP)—The Sunday Pictorial says today the Duke of Edinburgh plans a "palace upheaval" to reform a servant-caste system in Buckingham Palace and cut costs and red tape of court life.

REGINA, April 20 (CP)—The tempo of Saskatchewan's greatest spring harvest is increasing after more than a week of excellent drying weather. Harvesting is going on in many scattered points but sufficient grain has not yet been threshed to determine the effect of wintering out on grade and yield.

Threat Of Rain Gives Jitters To Flood Fighters

KANSAS CITY, April 20 (AP)—A chance of rain perhaps heavy rain in spots, gave Missouri River flood fighters the jitters tonight.

"The battle didn't end with the battle of Omaha and Council Bluffs," said Brig.-Gen. D.G. Shingler, division army engineer at Omaha.

A similar threat hung over the flooding Upper Mississippi valley, where Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa towns battled a record flood.

Only light rains fell today over the Kew Basin, where heavy downpours caused a record disaster last July. Jesse Gullick, district forecaster at Kansas City, said it was too early to tell whether heavy rain would fall in the Missouri basin.

Barring downpours big enough to pile more water into the Missouri, army engineers stuck to their forecast that Kansas City would be safe this time.

RCMP Appointments

OTTAWA, April 20 (CP)—The R. C. M. P. Saturday announced appointment of six men to commissioned rank as sub-inspectors, including one veteran of the 1946 spy probe and another who was a key man in the recent royal tour.

The promotions, effective April 1, include: Sgt. W. Leonard Higgett, 34, a native of Surbiton, Sask., who has spent most of his 15-year career in the anti-subversive special branch at headquarters here and had considerable to do with the prosecution of the accused in the spy trials.

Staff Sgt. D. O. E. Bartram, 46, of Ottawa, who has served in the force since 1932 and is stationed at Regina.

Sgt. E. A. Pennock, 34, of Zehner, Sask., stationed in Fredericton.

Sgt. J. R. R. Carriere, 41, of Hull, Que., stationed at Montreal where he has served for many years.

Debate On Two Major Issues Faces Commons

OTTAWA, April 20 (CP)—Members of the Commons return Monday from the Easter recess and will launch almost immediately into debate on two major issues.

The first day will be devoted to debate on redistribution of representation in the Commons on the basis of the 1951 census. Prime Minister St. Laurent will conclude a speech started shortly before the chamber adjourned for the Easter recess April 9.

Predicts Early Improvement In Ice Conditions

Another 10 days should see a vast improvement in ice conditions in the Gulf and Straits was the opinion expressed by Capt. Charles A. Shaw, observer, in the ice aerial survey.

Commenting on Saturday's flight, Capt. Shaw stated there was quite a bit of ice in the Straits from North Point West Point thence down to Cape Bear. This ice was described as closely packed on the Prince Edward Island shore. North of Cape Tormentine on the New Brunswick coast was open water.

Loose ice was noted in the vicinity of East Point and across to the coast of Cape Breton. According to reports George Bay on the Nova Scotia coast has opened up.

It is believed that if present wind conditions prevail the ice will move off fairly rapidly.

Flights are being made daily, weather permitting.

U. S. Ends Most Rubber Controls

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The government Saturday announced the removal of almost all controls on the use of natural and synthetic rubber, effective Monday.

But the door was left open for a quick clampdown should the United States' rubber stockpile fall dangerously low or prices skyrocket again.

Provision also was made to guarantee that government-built synthetic rubber plants are kept operating at a peak so they can shift rapidly into emergency production if necessary.

The National Production Authority in announcing the end of the 10-year-old restriction on how much rubber may be used in each product, said this removes the last Second World War allocation control.

Find Huge Salt Bed In Antigonish

HALIFAX, April 20 (CP)—Drillers probing for oil in Antigonish county have hit another bed of solid salt, Mines Minister MacKinnon said tonight.

Natural gas was found in the South Side area of the county 12 days ago.

Mr. MacKinnon said there are still considerable traces of gas but the major pressure and volume have disappeared.

Drilling is being continued in hopes that it will enter a bed of limestone, in which oil deposits are usually found.

No Man Can Escape Death Takes Or The Neighbor's Radio?

HALIFAX, April 20 (CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Monday.

Synopsis: Skies were clear over the western parts of the district during the night, and temperatures were slowly dropping, as colder and drier air moved over the district from the northwest.

Monday's weather should be mostly sunny but a little colder.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Cloudy, clearing in morning. Colder. Northwest winds 20 becoming light by afternoon. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 32 and 45.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8:26 A. M. and 8:42 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 3:30 A. M. and 3:54 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 6:19 A. M. and sets at 7:05 P. M.