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OBSERVERS SEE KOREAN TRUCE POSSIBLE WITHIN MONTH

Saskatchewan Bridge Destroyed By Ice Jam

Million-Dollar Structure Lost In 15 Seconds

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask., April 6—(CP)—A flood crest in the ice-jammed South Saskatchewan River early today knocked out in 15 seconds a new $1,000,000 bridge that took two years to build.

Three steel spans in the centre and one concrete span at the north end of the Saskatchewan Landing bridge, completed only last year, went out at 1:55 A.M. EST.

Water which had been up to the floor of the bridge rose another three feet as the flood crest came downstream from Medicine Hat, Alta. Within three hours after the bridge collapsed the river level had dropped by 14 feet.

All that remains of the bridge, a 1,215-foot structure linking the southwestern corner of Saskatchewan with the province's west-central region, are three concrete spans at the south end and two concrete spans at the north end.

The steel superstructure of the centre spans which went into the river disappeared without trace. Nothing can be seen of it beyond an eddy in the current which marks its place in the stream bed.

Army engineers Saturday had blasted a big ice jam eight miles below the bridge. But the blast had no apparent effect on the level of the water at the bridge.

The bridge, 35 miles north of Swift Current, was completed last year but most of the work was done in 1950. There was no trouble when the ice went out last spring. The bridge replaced a ferry which had been in service 68 years.

Ice had ben piled up for 70 miles upstream from the bridge. Pioneer residents said it was the worst jam they had seen in 50 years.

Damage to the $1,000,000 structure was estimated at between $200,000 and $300,000. Mr. Douglas said the span will be repaired "within three months."

Centre spans of the bridge were swept away with a roar at 1:55 A. M. EST., hours after it had been thought the danger had lessened with receding water levels.

Seattle Man Holds Clam Eating Title

SEATTLE, April 6—(AP)—Dick Taylor of Seattle successfully defended his "world's clam-eating championship" Saturday but he was forced to a belt-straining pace of 337 clams in 10 minutes. The effort broke his own record of 272 set last year.

Coming Events

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

**Benefit Dance. Vernon Hall, April 18th. Orchestra.

**Dance in Tracadie Hall, Easter Monday night.

**Card party, Summerfield hall Monday, April 7.

**Now in stock, Happy Hog Grower and barley meal. W. I. Bowman.

***Entries for Drama Festival close April 15th. Entry forms and information booklet obtainable at Charlottetown Library.

**Sandy's Ramblers vs. Mt. Pleasant Bombers. Final game for Intermediate C title, Monday night, 8:30, the Forum.

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

**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. 12—11 or 17.

**Buying pigs, poultry and feeder cattle—any kinds and size, Monday at Fredericton. Buying young pigs at Brookfield, Tuesday 9.00 A. M. Milton 10.00. Charlottetown Market Square 11.00. York 1.00 P.M. Bedford 2.00. Mt. Stewart 3.00. Paying $20.00 per pair for good pigs over 40 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

**Attention Farmers in Montague, Cardigan and Peakes. Loading hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., on Wednesday, April 9th, rather than on Thursday. This is caused by the Good Friday holiday and will apply for this week only. Sid. McLean, Norman McKenzie, Merlin Devine.

Island Artist's Portrait Of Alexander Accepted By Canada's National Gallery

(By A.R. Sykes)

OTTAWA — An oil painting of Earl Alexander, British Minister of Defence and immediate past Governor-General of Canada from the brush of Hubert Rogers, noted portrait painter and former Prince Edward Islander, has been accepted for hanging in the National Gallery of Canada.

It is the second important portrait of the former Field-Marshal to achieve prominence in Ottawa art circles in the past few weeks. The first, painted by Mrs. Lilias Newton of Montreal, was unveiled by His Excellency Vincent Massey in the Parliament Buildings recently, and will be added to the long line of Governor-Generals' portraits at Rideau Hall.

Mr. Rogers' painting differs widely in conception and treatment to that by Mrs. Newton. Art critics here say Mr. Rogers was in finest form in his delineation of His Excellency's strong and mobile face. The expression is serious but not severe, and a glint of humor is detectable beneath the soldierly bearing and expression.

At the sittings, His Excellency was wearing full uniform of a British Field Marshal, with the wings of the Royal Canadian Air Force which he won during his term in this country, standing out sharply above the long rows of medals for gallantry, orders, and campaign insignia. The former Governor-General's left hand rests lightly near the buckle of his Sam Browne belt.

Wonderful Experience

"It was a wonderful experience", Mr. Rogers told The Guardian, "to talk with Earl Alexander and to paint him. He was most generous with what little time he had and his knowledge of Canadian and world affairs is amazing. He was kind enough to say he liked my portrait of him and as a fellow-painter, told me that the main thing about a portrait was that it should look like the person it is supposed to represent.

"Lady Alexander sat for me too and I am just completing that portrait now. She is very charming and most helpful in aiding the painter to do the best work he can."

Grandson of a former Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, Mr. Rogers was born at Alberton which he revisited in 1947 after a long absence. He plans to spend at least two months there and at other points in the Province this Summer.

Attached To Alberton

"You know," he said, "as a rule when a man revisits his home town after being away many years, it looks older and smaller to him.

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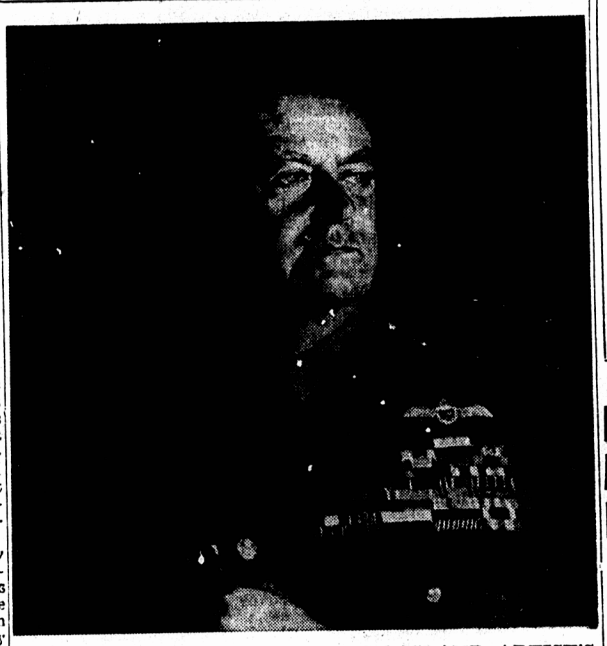

EARL ALEXANDER THROUGH ISLAND ARTIST'S EYES. The National Gallery of Canada has just accepted this oil painting of the immediate past Governor-General of Canada, work of Hubert Rogers, grandson of the late Hon. Benjamin Rogers, a former Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island. At present the portrait is in the office of H. O. McCurry, Director of the National Gallery who is considering the most suitable place for it in the Gallery quarters.

Serious Drought In Northern Australia

DARWIN, Australia, April 6 —(Reuters)—Ranchers in a vast area of Northern Australia are helplessly watching thousands of cattle die as unbroken drought continues to turn the area into a dust bowl. More than 300,000 head of cattle in the Kimberleys, the Gulf Country and Northwest and Southwest Queensland, are estimated to have perished.

South African Colored Groups Plan Defiance; Police, Troops Stand By

(By Arthur Gavshon)

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, April 6 —(AP)— Leaders of South Africa's main non-white groups called today for tens of thousands of volunteers to join in a campaign of defiance against Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan's "unjust race laws."

Armed police and troops stood by in the country's major cities, where meetings were held to launch a unique national struggle. There had been widespread forecasts earlier that clashes might take place between police and the demonstrators but these did not materialize.

Reports from Capetown, Durban, Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg said the meetings were peaceful, with the thousands of non-whites attending acting with good discipline and order.

This day was chosen by leaders of Negro, Asiatic and colored (mixed blood) organizations for the "People's Protest Day" because it is the 300th anniversary of white settlement in South Africa. These leaders hope the meetings will blossom into a full-scale passive resistance movement aimed at crushing the government's policy of apartheid or race segregation.

The government, under powers assumed two years ago, can jail any persons who organize passive resistance movements or sitdown strikes, or urge social changes. There is some fear in South Africa that the campaign contains the seeds of real racial explosion.

Non-whites outnumber whites by 9,500,000 to 2,500,000 in South Africa.

The A.N.C. said it will announce later the date for the start of the projected civil-disobedience movement.

F.D.R.'s Famous Scotty Is Dead

HYDE PARK, N.Y., April 6 —(AP)— Fala, the little black scotty who sat in on the making of history, is dead.

He was buried today in the famous rose garden of Hyde Park, not far from the resting place of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, his master and constant companion for five years.

John Roosevelt, the late President's youngest son, said simply:

"Fala slept away today."

The scotty, born April 7, 1940, died two days short of his 12th birthday.

WASHINGTON, April 6 —(AP) A freak squall with winds up to 62 miles an hour hit the Washington area about noon Saturday. Rain scattered some 5,000 persons gathered to witness the first performance of the water pageant of the Cherry-Blossom Festival. Bright sunshine followed the storm and allowed the pageant to be staged.

N. B. Boy Killed In Rifle Practice

EDMUNDSON, N. B., April 6 —(CP)—Rifle target practice brought death Saturday afternoon to Gilles Perron, 14, when he was shot in the head. The youth moved in front of a companion, Leopold Dugas, 16, as the latter fired at a can. Perron and Dugas were on a hike with three other boys. The fatality occurred in a snow-covered field near Edmundston.

MOSCOW, April 6 —(AP)— Moscow papers announced today Russia is going to build for Poland a 28 to 30-story "Palace of Culture and Science." The Soviet Government will pay the cost of construction as a tribute to Russian-Polish friendship. The building will tower over others in Warsaw.

Consider Seizing Ming Sung Ships By Force

OTTAWA, April 6 —(CP)— The government is trying to find out whether Canada could seize the seven controversial Ming Sung ships by force even if the chance presented itself.

There is some doubt that she could legally grab them even if one or more of Canada's three destroyers in the Far East waylaid them on a dash from Canton along the Chinese coast to Shanghai.

Reports out of Hong Kong that that the seven ships, built, registered and mortgaged in Canada, have been seized by the Chinese Reds and may make the 950-mile run to Shanghai have prompted both parliamentary questions and government inqury in Ottawa.

At a time when Canada is anxiously against any step that might participate general war with Red China, she is not likely to send her destroyers into Chinese territorial waters to seize the ships. But some are of the opinion the ships would have to come outside the three-mile limit occasionally in such a voyage because of shoals and it would be fairly easy to plot just where those appearances would occur.

If the destroyers could waylay them outside the three-mile limit they would not be violating Chinese waters. But there still is the question whether Canada would have the right to seize them even there.

The ships are the ones built in Quebec after the war and given permission to fly the Canadian flag in Oriental trade. Use of the Canadian flag was originally explained as a step to prevent seizure by the Reds.

They fled to Red China late last year and stayed there after the first of 10 annual capital instalments on a $12,000,000 mortgage fell due and went unpaid by the Ming Sung firm which bought them.

The money is owed to three Canadian banks but the Federal Government stands to get stuck for the bill because it guaranteed the mortgages.

So far the one tangible step taken to try to regain the ships is action by the banks to arrange for the courts in Hong Kong to "arrest" them if they return to Hong Kong. The prospects of such a step are not bright.

Allies Smash Red Attack

TOKYO, April 7—(Monday) — (Reuters) — A pulverizing United Nations artillery and mortar barrage Sunday smashed a fanatic, "death or glory" attack of 1,000 Chinese troops on the Western Korean front.

The enemy managed to breach U. N. barbed wire at one point, but then retreated with heavy lossse in dead and wounded.

U. N. radio monitors heard Chinese commanders urging their men to move up through the deadly Allied barrage of 10,000 mortar bombs and 8,000 heavy artillery shells.

"Ignore the shelling," screamed one Chinese officer into his radio set. "Advance and win medals."

Redistribution May Touch Off Bitter Debate

OTTAWA, April 6—(CP) —Redistribution of representation in the Commons, always a controversial issue, may provide the basis for one of the most contentious debates of the current session.

Western farmers, in particular, are aroused over the threatened loss of seats in their areas. A government move Friday to ease the blow to Saskatchewan was welcomed, but it did not remove all opposition.

Under the constitution, representation in the Commons must be revised every 10 years on the basis of the latest census.

On the basis of the 1951 census and the redistribution formula in the British North America Act, Saskatchewan would lose five of its 20 seats and Manitoba would lose two of its 16 seats. Nova Scotia would lose one of 12 seats. British Columbia would gain four seats and Ontario and Quebec two each. Other provinces would remain unchanged.

A bill providing for the changes was introduced in the Commons and given first reading March 10. Prime Minister St. Laurent sponsored the measure, but said that redistribtuion was a task imposed by the constitution on Parliament and not on the government.

Plans were made for establishment of an all-party committee to study redistribution.

Report Queen Mary Recovering From Chill

LONDON, April 6 —(Reuters)— Queen Mary today was reported to be improving from a slight chill she has suffered all week.

Yesterday Queen Mary, 84, was visited by three doctors including an ear, nose and throat specialst.

Communists In Conciliatory Move on Prisoners

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

MUNSAN, Korea, April 7 — (Monday) —' (AP) — The Communist radios today promised immunity to all prisoners returned by the Allies in an apparent conciliatory gesture in conncetion with the long-stalemated truce talks.

A Pyongyang broadcast neard here was attributed to the "Korean peoples armed forces and the Chinese peoples volunteers." It was carried in the Korean language Sunday night and again today in Chinese, by the Peiping radio.

Staff officers who had been workink on the prisoner-exchange issue continued in recess today. The subdelegates considering truce supervision scheduled a session at Panmunjom at 11 A.M. (9 A.M. E.S.T Sunday).

The Pyongyang broadcast appeared to be an effort to sound out the Allies on an indirect compromise of one of three key issues blocking an armistice — voluntary repatriation of prisoners.

Agreement Possible

TOKYO, April 6 — (AP) — The off-record negotiations on prisoner exchange at Panmunjom produced a formula which may lead to agreement on a Korean truce within the month.

United Nations observers who have viewed the talks with caution from the start now say an end could come with startling suddenness.

Gen. Matthew Ridgway and most of his higher lieutenants are taking the attitude, "We'll believe it when we see it."

But others whose opinion must be reckoned with are showing real optimism for the first time.

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Federal Budget Speech Tuesday

OTTAWA, April 6 — (CP) — Canadians will be told Tuesday how much the Federal Government plans to take from them in taxes during the 1952-53 fiscal year, a year when expenditures will set a peacetime record.

As is customary, the speech and its contents will remain secret until read to the Commons. However, both Mr. Abott and Prime Minister St. Laurent has given advance warnings that Canadians should expect no "substantial" tax reductions as long as the world situation remains as it is.

Tomorrow, in a departure from customary procedure, Mr. Abbott will table in the Commons his annual white paper containing an economic review of the last fiscal year. Ordinarily the white paper is tabled during his budget speech.

Mr. Abbott told newspaper men that by making the review available a day in advance of the budget, he would be able to condense the economic portion of his budget speech. The early tabling also would facilitate the work of newspapers in handling the budget and the economic review.

New Plea For Top-level Talks Made By Indian

(By Thomas P. Whitney)

MOSCOW, April 6—(AP)—India's ambassador to Moscow said today he is convinced after a half-hour talk Saturday night with Prime Minister Stalin that "every effort should be made to get the top people together" to try to settle the problems dividing the world.

His conviction that now is the time for such a meeting—presumably among Stalin, Prime Minister Churchill, President Truman and Prime Minister Nehru of India—is thought here to be extremely indicative of the extent of his interview with the Soviet leader, and is believed to be a significant development.

It was said at the Indian Embassy that the Ambassador had a "very frank discussion" with Stalin "on many of the issues now agitating the world."

The envoy, Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, was paying a farewell call on Stalin before leaving for home April 8 to become India's vice-president. Also present during the conversation at the Kremlin were Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky, who had arranged the interview; Y. D. Gundevia, minister counsellor of the Indian Embassy, and Vladimir Pavlov, Soviet Foreign Office official who acted as interpreter.

On the basis of his interview, Radhakrishnan said:

"There is no outstanding problem now dividing the world which could not be settled with discussion and negotiation.

"It would be unwise to bang the door against every approach and give up the task as impossible. No effort is wasted and every effort should be made to get the top people together."

Radhakrishnan had suggested Saturday's visit when he went to talk to Vishinsky. He said the Soviet Prime Minister looked "as usual" and was in "a good humor."

Senator Declares US Now Building Hydrogen Bomb

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP) — Chairman Brien McMahon (Dem.-Conn.) of the Senate-House of Representatives atomic energy committee said tonight that "building a hydrogen bomb . . . is under way at the present time" by the United States.

The Senator made the statement in a radio interview. He did not make it clear whether he meant:

1. That scientists still are working toward finding out whether such a super weapon can be built.

2. Or, on the other hand, that the study stage has been completed and actual construction of an H-bomb has started.

McMahon brought up the subject when he was asked in an interview with the Gannett News Service what can be done to avert a war with Russia. He replied "We must continue to build up our influence and our strength." and added:

"I do not retreat from what I said in February, 1950, when we talked about building a hydrogen bomb, which is under way at the present time.

"I pointed out that armaments were no substitute for disarmament because eventually armaments and armament races lead to conflict. So what we have got to do is bring about disarmament."

McMahon said "We have made great progress and strides in (atomic) weapon development."

Cargo Plane With Easter Flowers Crashes Into N.Y. Residential Area

By George Cornell and George Miller

NEW YORK, April 6 —(AP) — A low flying cargo plane, loaded with Easter flowers, smashed into the heart of the residential borough of Queens Saturday, killing five persons and turning a block-long stretch of homes into flaming terror.

The twin-engine C-46 dived out of a heavy rain with a thunderous explosion.

It was the fifth airplane accident of its kind in the metropolitan area in less than four months and brought the total toll of dead to 124.

Urge Closing Fields

Just as demands were made after three crashes at Elizabeth, N. J., for the closing of Newark Airport, civic groups Saturday called for the closing of nearby International (Idlewild) and La Guardia Fields. Planes from both must fly over Queens, huge residential borough of New York City. Newark Airport has been closed since the last Elizabeth crash Feb. 11.

Saturday's accident occurred at 8:25 a. m. EST as the cargo plane was attempting to land at International Airport.

The plane tore through a two-storey home and split apart. Blazing fragments hurtled into three other houses.

One wing slapped a cruising police car, killing a police inspector.

The plane, trying to recover from a landing attempt at International Airport, thundered low over a half-mile stretch of buildings, then crashed in Jamaica.

"A great ball of whirling flame surrounded the plane as it came down," said William Boyle, an eyewitness. "Its wing fell off before it struck."

Leap From Windows

Many leaped from windows, as gasoline-fed flames and clouds of smoke rose over the block. Hospitals counted six seriously injured. Dozens of others were treated.

At least 10 cars were wrecked on the street or in an adjacent parking lot. A truck blew up.

Four homes were destroyed.

The plane missed an apartment house occupied by 250 persons. Police said if it had hit 100 feet away the death toll would have been in the hundreds.

The plane, owned by United States Airlines, had tried to land at the airport on Queens' south edge but overshot the field.

Airport officials said it had been ordered to circle for a new approach, when it swung low and plummeted down.

News In Brief

LONDON, April 6—(Reuters)—Admiral Sir Arthur Duff, 77, former captain of H. M. S. Birmingham, the first ship to sink a German submarine in the First World War, died Saturday.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk, England, April 6—(AP)—Sir John Tilley, 83, veteran British diplomat who served as ambassador to Brazil and Japan, died Saturday. He retired in 1951 after 38 years in the Foreign Office.

LONDON, April 6 —(Reuters)—George Marris, 98, oldest Methodist minister in England and Wales, died today. He gave up an engineering posting to enter the ministry in 1878. Two years later he became one of the first Methodist ministers to serve in South China.

NEW YORK, April 6—(AP)—Police seized $100,000 worth of pure heroin in a dresser drawer in a Harlem apartment Saturday and arrested a man and a pretty woman on narcotics charges. Police identified them as Joseph Sierra, 23, and Irma Matos, 19.

Note of Optimism In Steel Talks

CHICAGO, April 6 —(AP) — Government mediators met with company and union officials in the steel and telephone industries today in continuing moves to stave off widespread strikes.

A note of cautious optimism was sounded in the steel dispute with a government official guardedly reporting "gradual progress" in understanding between the opposing factions.

In a third industry, Western Union reported a "mushrooming back-to-work movement" among striking workers, but a union leader called the statement a "laugh."

Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the United States Steel Corporation, tonight appealed to union president Philip Murray to call off the threatened country-wide steel strike, set for Tuesday midnight.

Largest Tanker Has Completed Trials

GLASGOW, April 6—(Reuters) —The largest tanker yet to join the world's oil carrying fleets—the 31,745-ton, World Unity—went into service in the Clyde today on completion of her trials. The tanker was handed over by the builders, Vickers-Armstrongs Limited, to her owners, World Tankers Corporation of Liberia.

HALIFAX, April 6—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Monday.

Synopsis:

There are patches of fog over the Southern Maritimes tonight. In Northern New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec drizzle and snow are being reported.

Moist air from the Atlantic is expected to keep on flowing into the northern regions, but as it gets a little milder the snow is apt to change to rain and drizzle Monday. Westerly winds are expected in the southern regions along with occasional sunshine.

Forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness. Mild. Light southwest winds. Low early Monday and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 35 and 44.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9.10 A. M. and 9.02 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 4.17 A. M. and 4.16 P. M.

Sun rises today at 5.43 A. M. and sets at 6.48 P. M.

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