

### Explosives-Laden Vessels Refloated

HALIFAX, Dec. 28 — (CP)—An explosives expert directed unloading operations today of two ships, one loaded with 300 tons of dynamite and 35 tons of detonator caps, which ran aground in Bedford Basin three miles from the heart of Halifax last night.

The small freighter American, laden with the explosives, started dragging her anchor last night. The converted sailing vessel Theron moved alongside to take the explosives aboard.

High winds drove both craft ashore during the operation. Tugs pulled the two ships free and today they were at the naval pier while the explosives were unloaded.

### Atlantic Region C N R Reports Heavy Traffic

MONCTON, N.B., Dec. 28 — A round-up of Christmas traffic for the Atlantic region of the Canadian National Railways from early estimates would indicate that passenger travel was up about five per cent over last year, telegraphs approximately eight per cent, while express traffic is slightly in excess. It is too early as yet, officials say, to give accurate figures but this estimate, they say, is approximately correct in point of volume.

The heavy snowstorm just before Christmas threw considerable volume of traffic on the railways from the highway, railway and express officials stated.

### New Fish Brought From Ocean Depths

28 — (Reuters) — Fish never before seen by man have been brought to the surface by the Danish ocean exploration ship Galathea. The ship reported today from Tokyo, Japan that the scientific staff was busy investigating unknown types of life found at depths below 29,000 feet.

WETON-SUPER-MARE, England — (CP)—This famous English seaside town reports that 1,000 tons of seaweed, 3,000 boxes and 13,000 tons of paper were collected along the beach last summer.

### Tomorrow's Promise

By Temple Bailey Continued

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February passed and March. In April Anne and her father made their way north. When they reached home Anne found a letter from Charles. It bore a London postmark. He had not written before, he said, because he had not known what to write. He was not sure she had heard of Margot's death. There had been a long illness — jungle fever. It had been hard for her and she had been a good little sport.

"I am free at last, Anne, but I feel tired and old. And you are young, with life before you. I know now that Margot came to you. She told me before she died. But I can't bring the old days back. You are always in my heart, my dear, and I think of you on my island."

That was all. No word of his coming. No promise for the future. Anne, still trembling with the emotion which the sight of his familiar script had roused, felt as if a physical blow had been dealt her, deadening her faculties. To know that Charles was free and would not come!

"What shall I do?" she wrote to Vicky.

And Vicky wrote: "Wait."

In the days that followed Anne picked up her life as best she could, went restlessly from one thing to another. But living had lost its savor.

At last she wrote to Charles, telling him that she was unhappied, that her heart waited. The letter must have reached him, for it did not come back, but there was no answer. So that was the end of it. The end of everything.

It was in June that Vicky arrived. Anne made her room ready. Roses in the bowls. New books on the shelves—Francis had seen to that. Vicky, looking about her said, "How beautiful it is, Anne."

"I have wanted you so much, Vicky."

"I know," Vicky's arm went around her. "But you've leaned on your own strength, darling. That was better than leaning on mine."

With Vicky's coming, the house regained something of serenity. She and Anne fell gradually into their old routine. They walked and rode together, played tennis and golf, read their favorite books aloud in the garden. At night Vicky played chess with Francis while Anne sat on her low stool and watched.

And so the summer passed. Francis grew stronger and went up now

### Nova Scotia Woman Dares to Tell Her Story

Mrs. M. H. Bell, Liverpool, N.S., dared by friends to tell her story, said: "I suffered with arthritic pain in my shoulder, arms and ankles for three years, but it wasn't until I took Sarnak that I got relief."

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and then to his office in Baltimore. Gary was in France. David and Elinor summered at a farmhouse in Maine which had belonged to David's ancestors.

The question that troubled Vicky and her duty to herself. At last Anne's plans in the fall. Francis was opposed to her return to her school on the beach. Vicky favored her between Anne's duty to her father and her duty to herself. At last Anne had settled it. "Perhaps I'd better stay here with Daddy," and no one knew how she dreaded the winter and the separation from Vicky, for Vicky would not stay.

"It isn't wise, my darling," she had said when Anne came and sat one night on the bed and begged her. "My day here is done."

No one knew how hard it was for Vicky to say that, but nothing could shake her decision. After Anne had gone away Vicky lay in bed and thought about all the years she had lived in this house. And of Anne as a little child, and of Elinor and of the horror that had come to them on the night that Anne had married Charles.

And she thought of Charles after the accident, and of the talk she had had with him. And she thought of his love for Anne. And now Anne must live on alone. Vicky hated the thought of it. She could bear her own loneliness, but not the thought of Anne's.

So things went on until August. By day the air was hot and still, but there was the fragrance of new cut hay, the lazy songs of birds. And at night a coolness would come with a gentle breeze and the stars would be white in the wide, dark sky, and when the moon rose it was deep gold and hung heavy above the trees.

It was on such a night, while Anne sat on the steps with Jerry and Francis and Vicky played chess in the room beyond, that a maid came out with a letter. "A man left it at the back door for you, Miss Anne."

Anne took the letter and snapped on the light of a porch lamp that she might read it. And when she had read, the strength went out of her body. For the letter was from Charles.

"I am here, my dear, in the meadow where I first met you. Will you come? I am not sure what I am going to say to you. I only know that I must see you."

That was all, except his name. But it was enough. Anne found herself in another moment standing in the door of the living room and saying with elaborate carelessness, "It's so hot. I'm going to walk in the garden."

But she did not walk. She ran. Through the garden and up the little hill and past the great oak, with the moonlight shining through the branches and its leaves making a fretted pattern against the bright sky. She stopped on the crest of the hill and looked down across the meadow. And there, as she had seen it on that other night, was a thin spiral of smoke rising from a little fire.

Tonight the sheep were grazing on the thick sweet grass; rabbits, fat from their stolen feast in the garden, leaped ahead of Anne. But she saw neither the sheep nor the rabbits. She saw only the tall figure coming toward her.

When at last they returned to reality, Charles made coffee for her and drank his from her cup.

"Why my cup?" she asked, and he laughed a little.

"It's a kind of sacrament." She, too, laughed. She had cried at first—in his arms. Great sobs that shook her, but she had stopped when he had said, "Do you care enough to chance it, Anne?"

"I care enough for anything." "I was not sure you had forgiven me."

"She whispered, 'Why did you marry her?'"

"The day she came to me she told me she was ill. It was not true of course, but she made me feel that she needed my care and that I must give it. You had let me go out of your life and there didn't seem to be much left. So she had her way, and I think she found a kind of happiness in it. We went all over the world because she was restless and wanted to be forever changing. I tried to make the best of things, but I couldn't write. It was as if when I lost something snapped—"

Her hand went up and touched his cheek, and after a while he leaned down to her. "Will you live on my island, Anne?"

She whispered, "Yes," and as he drew close she saw her future with him. With all the world shut out they would love and be loved, and he would write his book. There would be no more ghosts to haunt them, for all their fears were dead.

THE END

### Britain Climbing Back On Austerity Programme

LONDON, Dec. 27 — (Reuters)—Fifty million Britons are standing on the threshold of 1951 feeling something like a well-heeled man who can't buy a meal because the banks are shut.

Government spokesmen tell the people they can be proud that their efforts in the factories are bringing the country back to prosperity and that from Jan. 1 they will be independent of Marshall aid from the United States. Each month seems to set up a record for export. But to the ordinary man in the street it remains a paper fortune.

Austerity is still the word and though the national bankbook may be healthy, the ration book remains in the red.

A decision by the Food Ministry to allow more meat to go into sausages caused almost as much excitement in 1950 as any international development.

The pattern of austerity in 1950 changed this much from previous years—higher prices made a mockery of goods which began to appear in stores more plentifully.

During the last six months the cost of practically everything from cotton thread to coal has jumped.

#### Less Grumbling

Oddly enough, 1950 is ending with less grumbling about the cost of living than was the case 12 months ago. This is largely due to a thaw in the Government's wage-freeze policy. Industrial workers and coal-miners have received pay increases within the last few weeks.

Grumbles of the trade unions also have been submerged in the din of awakening rearmament.

With at least about \$3,400,000,000 to be spent on defence during the next three years, new economic problems—many as yet unforeseeable—are bound to beset everyone.

As the munitions factories gulf up already-scarce raw materials it almost certainly will mean tanks instead of pots and pans.

And it will involve harder work and demands for even higher export production so that Britain can maintain her financial convalescence.

#### Inflation Battle

Many economists forecast that Britain will have to fight a harder battle than ever against inflation in 1951. Rising prices and the discontent they bring are likely to prove increasing worries to the Government during the coming year.

What kind of Government this will be eventually is by no means sure. Most people are certain there will be an election in the spring.

With Labor and the Conservatives at virtually equal strength in the country it's anybody's guess whether Clement Attlee will remain Prime Minister or whether Winston Churchill will return to that office.

### Forsees High Level In Industrial Activity This Year

MONTREAL, Dec. 28 — (CP) — W.A. Mather, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in a year-end review today said that from present indications "and assuming no further major deterioration in world affairs, 1951 now promises to be a year of high level in industrial activity and development."

In the general picture for 1951, oil, minerals, manufacturing and irrigation "all present great potentiality towards the increased economic growth and strength of the country."

He prophesied that "if Canadians are imbued with a will to work, nothing short of a national catastrophe will prevent the attainment of that degree of progress which we all desire."

Of fast-dying 1950, Mr. Mather said the year did not pass "without the appearance of situations adversely affecting the welfare of our country."

"Reduced off-shore purchases lessened the production and sale of higher-classed commodities and August frost greatly affected the quantity and quality of our grain crops."

"The uncertainty which existed throughout the year and which still exists, with respect to freight and wage rates, makes necessary, so far as the railways are concerned, the exercise of some restraint in their program of these improvements and betterments recognized by management as overdue."

Mr. Mather's review dealt at length with situations in 1950 affecting his company's operations—freight rates, competition in the transportation field — "is in the best interests of the country" — and the railway strike, coupled with a suggestion for "freedom of expression" by union membership.

The C.P.R. in 1950 "achieved something less than satisfactory financial results from its railway operations."

Volume of freight revenue carried in the first five months of the year.

Many left-wing Socialists enter 1951 still suspicious of United States world leadership and anxious that Britain should take a line more independent of Washington. And they oppose the idea of rearming Germans.

Most Britons enter 1951 believing that if the shadow of war can be lifted they will enter a period of far-reaching prosperity that will bring the rewards they have sought for 10 years.

year "showed a marked decrease but had taken an upturn" when the Aug. 22 strike brought operations to a halt for nine days.

Freight rate increases, effective in April and June, brought increased earnings for the rest of the year "on a somewhat reduced volume of revenue freight" but coupled with railway improvements in efficiency and equipment, there were higher gross and net revenues for the year.

At the same time the ration of net to gross earnings "again reflects . . . the effect of inflationary tendencies in the steadily rising burden of cost for labor and materials."

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