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Six Dory Fishermen Outfox Bitter Winter Storm

Opposition Backs Gov't Into Corner On Defence Contracts Legislation

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 — (CP) — A united opposition backed the government into a corner Saturday on plans to dispense with calling construction tenders in cases of urgency and won from Works Minister Fournier a concession that he may be willing to compromise on the legislation.

In a swift uprising in the Commons, the Progressive Conservative, C.C.F. and Social Credit Parties all demanded that the government withdraw the legislation before it throws the protection of the tender system "out the window."

Finally, as the chamber rose from its first Saturday night sitting of this dying session, Mr. Fournier told the chamber "Perhaps we may amend it to meet their (the Opposition's) wishes in part anyway."

Indicative of the temper of the House, an unidentified Opposition member shouted: "You had better."

The bill, up for second reading, sets out the principle that tenders should be called for government works, but provides that they may be dispensed with if the work "is one of pressing emergency in which the delay would be injurious to the public interest."

Striking towards a Christmas adjournment this week, the chamber swept four other items from its diminishing order paper, adopting bills guaranteeing bank loans to hard-up Prairie farmers; streamlining the governments financial administration; amending the Civil Service Act and providing $55,881,000 for purchase of equipment by the Canadian National Railways.

On another bill creating an Agricultural Products Board to handle government butter imports, Hazen Argue (CCF—Assiniboia) introduced a motion calling on the government to increase its floor prices for farm products. Debate on the motion will come later.

In the Public Works debate, George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, and Solon Low, Social Credit leader, joined in urging the government to withdraw the legislation.

Were Separated From Mother Ship Off Cape Breton

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 16 —(CP) —Six dory fishermen outfoxed a bitter winter storm during the week-end to save their lives after they became separated from their mother-ships off Cape Breton.

The Newfoundland schooner Zahm lost contact with two dory crews—four men—off Northern Cape Breton and was forced to run for port when a blinding snowstorm and howling winds threatened the safety of all.

Later, one dory was picked up by the snapper Miss Smabro and brought to port at Dingwall, in Northern Cape Breton. The other crew grimly manned the oars—aided only by a compass in the angry seas—and rowed to shore.

They made their way to a farm house at Sugar Loaf, near Dingwall. For many hours searchers feared they had lost their lives. Names of the fishermen were not available here.

Meanwhile, Clyde Burke and Edward Miller, Newfoundlanders, waged a six-hour battle for survival when their dory got separated from the schooner Phillis Jane, also off Cape Breton.

They made landfall at Catalone, about 15 miles from the coal town of Glace Bay.

Burke and Miller said that several times they saw the Phillis Jane pass nearby, looking for them, but their tiny craft couldn't be seen in the turbulent sea.

Capt. Charles Munden of the Phillies Jane, on arrival in port said:

"It's our place to pick up our men. But it was impossible to find the dory lying so low in the waves."

None of the men was reported suffering ill affects from the ordeal.

Third Death In Travellers Rest Crossing Accident

Mrs. Urbain Doiron, the third victim of the tragic fatality at Travellers Rest railway crossing on Wednesday, December 12th, died in the Prince County Hospital early on Saturday morning. Hopes had been entertained since the accident that she would recover but on Friday evening her condition grew gradually worse and despite all medical efforts she passed away about 3.00 p.m. Of those involved in the truck-train collision only the husband and son, Rene, survive, Mrs. Sarah Doiron and four-year-old Marcel having died on the day of the accident.

The funeral of the first two victims was held on Saturday morning and the body of Mrs. Doiron will be forwarded from the Compton Funeral Home by train this morning to her late residence in South Rustico for funeral on Tuesday.

The coroner's jury empanelled to inquire into the death of the first two victims met on Saturday to view the remains and the inquest will be resumed in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening at six o'clock.

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Had Satisfactory Interview Re New Hillsboro Bridge

Early possibility of the erection of a new bridge over the Hillsboro River is seen as the result of an interview in Ottawa last week which Premier J. Walter Jones had with Hon. R. H. Winters, Minister of Resources and Development. Also present at the time was Mr. Gordon White, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Highways.

Premier Jones stated on his return home yesterday that the interview was "highly satisfactory" and said that an Ottawa engineer had been employed to examine the project. He will arrive this week.

The Premier on his return trip got as far as Moncton on Saturday, but was grounded there and returned to this Province last evening by Maritime Central Airways.

Plane Catches Fire Shortly After Takeoff

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 16 — (AP)—Fifty-six persons were killed today in a flaming crash of a Florida-bound airliner in downtown Elizabeth. It was the second worst plane wreck in the history of the United States.

Police said a passenger list showed 48 adults, two children, two infants, the pilot, two co-pilots and a stewardess were aboard the non-scheduled airliner which crashed just seven minutes after it took off from nearby Newark Airport.

No Canadian addresses were listed in a tabulation of the casualties.

The plane missed a row of frame houses, smashed into a water company pumping station on the banks of the Elizabeth River, and slid on into the middle of the shallow, sluggish stream.

The plane was bound for Tampa, Fla.

The wreckage formed a pile of junk 30 feet high in the river. Almost the only recognizable remaining part of the two-engine C-46 transport was a tail section, jutting into the air at a crazy angle.

Burning Before Crash

Eyewitnesses said the plane was burning before it crashed. One wing dropped off. The plane plunged down like a stone.

Firemen "almost shovelled the bodies out," a reporter said.

They dumped the blackened bodies into blankets and passed them to shore in the knee-deep water on planks from a nearby junkyard.

In Washington, a Trade Association of non-schedule airlines said the crash was the first "non-sked" crash in 26 months.

The plane, operated by Miami Airlines, a non-scheduled airline, had taken off from Newark Airport shortly after 3 p.m. EST.

Its right engine caught fire almost immediately, eyewitnesses said, and the pilot appeared to be turning back to the nearby airport.

Then the wing buckled and part of it fell off. All the witnesses to the disaster agreed on this.

Misses Many Homes

The plane dived into the ground like a stone, missing many houses in the congested area.

J. P. Ward, a parking lot operator who saw the whole thing, said, "The pilot ought to have a place in heaven for trying to save it."

Three priests waded out into the knee-deep river to give last rites.

The crash scene was only a few

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Early Sunday Fire Destroys Grocery Store At S'side

An early Sunday morning fire completely destroyed store, warehouse, stock and equipment of Mr. J. F. Jenkins, operated under the name of the Central Grocery at the corner of Central and Fitzroy Streets. The first was discovered by Sgt. Doyle of the Summerside Police who immediately turned in the alarm at 1.20 a.m. Fanned by a strong north wind, the flames spread rapidly and on the arrival of the fire brigade had made such progress that little could be done to save the building or contents.

Only a narrow alleyway separated the Central Grocery and the Victory Cleaners but the firemen were able to confine the flames to the Central Grocery property and preventing it from spreading. It is certain that had they been unable to save the Victory Cleaners the fire would have wiped out the rest of the business establishments down to First Street as they are all of wooden structure and closely situated.

Airport Sends Aid

Four lines of hose were plied on the flames for over an hour before the fire was under control. For a time it looked as though it would be out of control and an alarm was sent to the R.C.A.F. Station for additional equipment. The airport pumper was dispatched to Summerside and although it had to travel through four miles of deep snow arrived at the scene of the fire ready to assist. When the airport pumper arrived the flames were under control and it was not called upon to assist.

The Summerside firemen remained on guard for the remainder of the night as a precaution against a further outbreak. The fire is believed to have been caused by an overheated oilstove in the stock room and Mr. Jenkins last night estimated the loss at approximately $25,000, partially covered by insurance. He said that it was his intention to rebuild in the spring and that in the meantime he proposed to operate for the convenience of his customers in quarters as near as possible to the old site.

During the fire the men of the fire brigade were served hot coffee and tea by Mr. Kelly of the Victory Cleaners and all express themselves as deeply appreciative of this kindness on his part.

The Central Grocery building was originally a Y.M.C.A. property and operated as such about the turn of the century. For some years after the 1916 fire it was operated as a grocery store by the late Joseph Locke and on his death by several, others including Mr. Carrol Delaney, and eventually was purchased by Mr. Jenkins who carried on the grocery business up to the present.

Hockey Bus Stalled In Snow At Borden

The Islanders hockey club, returning from their three day road trip to Cape Breton, spent last night on the M. V. Abegweit after their bus became stuck a short distance outside Borden.

The Islanders left Truro yesterday afternoon about four o'clock and arrived in Cape Tormentine about 9.30. They plan to take a train into town this morning and if that is not possible will wait until a plow opens the road. They hope to be in town by noon.

$75,000 Fire Sunday At Yarmouth, N. S.

YARMOUTH, N.S., Dec. 16 — (CP) — Whitmayer Laboratories Limited, manufacturer of fish meal and cod liver oil, was destroyed by fire tonight, with loss estimated at $75,000. The blaze, of unexplained origin, broke out in near-zero temperatures and high winds. Nearby dwellings were evacuated for a time.

MEXICAN COMPOSER DIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 —(AP) — Maria Grever, 57, noted Mexican composer of popular songs, died Saturday. Among her best known songs are "Besame," "Tipitin," "Munequita Linda," "Magic Is The Moonlight," and "What A Difference A Day Makes."

Coming Events

**Stanchel School Concert, December 20th.

**Canavoy School Concert, December 19th, 8 P. M.

**Suffolk School Concert, Tuesday, December 18th.

**Concert, Thistle and Shamrock school, December 18th.

**Upper Montague concert postponed until further notice.

**See Darnley School concert, December 17, 8 p.m. sharp.

**South Milton Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 19th.

**Come to the Concert in Winsloe Station Hall, December 20th.

**Valleyfield Christmas Concert, in the Hall, Tuesday, December 18th.

**Reserve December 19th, for Millview Christmas Concert. Curtain 8.15.

**Christmas concert, Upper Montague School, Wednesday, December 19.

**Come to Parkdale Christmas Concert (Senior), Tuesday, December 18th.

**Christmas Concert and Dance Wiltshire Hall, Friday, December 21st, at 7.30.

**Reserve Friday, December 21st for Mt. Mellick Christmas Concert in Pownal Hall. Curtain 8.15.

**Come to Wheatley River School Concert in Wheatley River Hall, Monday, December 17th.

**Glenaladale School Concert, Tracadie Hall. Thursday, December 20th, instead of December 19th.

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

**The white gift service scheduled for the 16th will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the Hampton United Church.

**Buying live fowl and chicken daily. We weigh and pay at farm Write or phone collect for pick up service. Smith Bros., Pownal.

**Don't miss the Dance, Winsloe Station Hall, Wednesday, December 19th. Music by Doiron Bros. Sponsored by Highfield Women's Institute.

**Notice to ratepayers of New London school. A meeting to be held Dec. 20, object to elect trustees. 7.30 at the school. Earl Carr, New London.

**Poultry Producers.—Will not be buying geese or ducks remainder of season. Require large quantity of dressed and live chicken. Best prices. Central Egg and Poultry Station, Grafton Street, Charlottetown. Phone 2526.

**Attention farmers Souris to St. Peters: Loading hogs on car Souris St. Peters every Tuesday beginning December 18 with pick-ups at points in between. This schedule will be in effect for remainder of winter except Christmas and New Year's weeks when we shall load on Wednesday rather than Tuesday. C. C. Pratt & Sons, St. Peters

Fisheries Plant Gutted By Fire

HALIFAX, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Preliminary investigation will be conducted tomorrow by Fire Marshal S.S. Wright and Fire Chief F C. MacGillivray into the $500,000 blaze which gutted the processing, packaging and storage plant of Burns Fisheries Limited, Lower Water Street, early Saturday.

"We've decided to carry on in a humble way to provide immediate income to our loyal employees rather than close down for more extensive repairs," said a company official.

Pulpwood Prices In N.B.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 16 —(CP) —New Brunswick pulpwood producers can look for a $2 to $3 per cord drop in prices going into the new year, local buyers said here Saturday.

A $2 a cord early shipment bonus on peeled wood established earlier in the year for shipment before Nov. 30 was extended to the end of the current month but ends Dec. 31. Shipments of peeled wood before Dec. 31 would continue to bring $28 a cord to the producer but on Jan. 1 would go back to the $26 price paid during the summer and early fall, it was said.

Prices on rough wood are also slated for a similar slump due to a slackening of the demand from the mills. Current prices to the producer of rough wood are $20 per cord, but after Jan. 1, the buyers are offering $17 and $18.

Despite the price drop the province's pulpwood cut for the season is expected to show an increase over last year's 1,000,000 cords. Combined peeled and rough wood cuts are expected to boost this season's production to about 1,500,000 cords.

COASTING ACCIDENT

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 16—(CP)—A coasting accident after the season's first heavy snowfall in this area took the life of Ralph W. McCracken, 11, near his home at Bay Road Saturday afternoon. He was struck by a car driven by Frank Palin, St. Stephen. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

LONDON — (CP) — Perhaps the highest price ever paid for a silver teapot is the £1,900 paid at Christie's Auction Rooms for a fine historic specimen belonging to Lord Glentanar.

Plows On Job Since Saturday Making PEI Highways Passable

Working through most of Saturday night and all day yesterday, crews of Government plows reported that all highways were passable, although the going was difficult due to heavy drifting.

Twenty plows were on the job and will resume operations early this morning in an effort to keep the roads clear from the drifting snow which filled in the cuts almost as soon as they were made, and delayed the clearing of side roads, most of them still blocked.

The central and eastern sections of the Province bore the brunt of the storm, with particularly heavy snow reported on the North Shore in the Clifton, New London district. Provided that no fresh snow falls, all roads are expected to be made passable today.

City plows were also operating yesterday and last night, with a mechanized loader clearing the areas and sidewalks around the parking meters. The snow was loaded into trucks which dumped it over the Pownal Wharf.

While accurate readings were virtually impossible due to high winds, the estimated fall during the storm was seven to nine inches at the Experimental Farm and the Radio Range on Brackley Point Road.

Winds were expected to abate during the night and increase today to west fifteen, with continued extreme cold and snow flurries. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 10 above with winds 24-27 and gusting up to forty miles per hour. At ten o'clock last night, the Radio Range reported the temperature as zero.

All flights of Maritime Central Airways were cancelled on Saturday, but the only scheduled flight yesterday, to Moncton and return, operated as normal.

The car ferry "Abegweit" made all scheduled crossings on Saturday and yesterday.

No damage was reported during the storm by the Maritime Electric and Island Telephone companies.

Allies Make Concession On Prisoner Exchange But Demand Red List

By Robert Eunson

MUNSAN, Korea, Dec. 17-(Monday) —(AP)— The United Nations command bluntly sought a showdown today on exchanging lists of war prisoners in Korea with the Communists. Only 10 days remain before expiration of a provisional cease-fire line across the battle front.

Dual sub-committee sessions on the prisoner question and on the deadlocked truce supervision issue were scheduled to resume at 11 a m., today (9 p. m., Sunday, EST) in Panmunjom

Fully aware of the time element, Allied negotiators Sunday made what appeared to be their final concession on prisoner exchange.

The Allies agreed to drop a previous demand for Red Cross inspection of prison camps behind Communist lines before exchange talks proceed.

However, Rear Admiral R E. Libby did not budge in his insistence that the Reds hand over a complete list of the Allied troops they now hold, before talks continue.

Libby called on the Reds 11 times to hand over their list.

He backed up his readiness by placing the bulky U.N. list of prisoners held in South Korea on the conference table.

The list contained 2,000 typewritten pages.

Libby said the Reds could have it when they gave him their list.

According to previously published figures the list was believed to contain about 120,000 names —18,000 Chinese Reds and the rest Korean.

The Reds indirectly offered to hand over their list Sunday but not until the U.N. would agree to bulk exchange of all prisoners.

Communist correspondents have said the Reds were afraid to hand over their prisoner list because they suspect the U.N. wants a man-for-man exchange.

Information from an enemy source indicates that of more than 12,000 U.N. troops missing in action, less than 4,000 are held by the Reds.

In addition to 11,000 missing Americans, about 1,500 other United Nations soldiers are listed as missing in action. Only five are Canadians. The Republic of Korea Defence Department estimates the Reds hold at least 70,000 South Korean soldiers.

News In Brief

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 16 —(CP) —The Cape Breton Rural and Village Teachers' Association served notice during the week-end it is in favor of a strike to start Jan. 7 unless "substantial" salary increases are forthcoming.

LONDON, Dec. 16 —(Reuters)— Prime Minister Churchill set out tonight for France to persuade the French Government that he has not sold the idea of a united Europe down the river.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Suez Canal Zone, Dec. 16 —(Reuters)—A railroad locomotive overturned and telescoped five cars when a British military train left the rails between Suez and Ismailia Saturday. One British soldier suffered a broken leg.

COATICOOK, Que., Dec. 16 — (CP)—R. C. M. P. Saturday seized 970,000 cigarets — Canada's biggest seizure against smugglers who bring in United States cigarets to Canadian customers. The seizure was made on Ladss Mills farm here and one man was arrested. His truck was impounded.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 16 — (CP)—A thief who entered the box office of the Empire Theatre on Coburg Street shortly before 10 o'clock Saturday night made off with $215 after slapping the cashier, Mrs. Charles Weeks, when she moved to sound an alarm.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15 —(CP) — Twenty-seven of 33 persons charged with conspiracy in Vancouver's $6,000,000-a-year bookmaking racket will be committed for trial in higher court Tuesday. Magistrate W. W. McInnes Saturday dismissed the charge against six others.

Montreal Unprepared As Blizzard Strikes

MONTREAL, Dec. 16 — (CP) — A blizzard struck an unprepared Montreal Saturday, covering the district with about 10 inches of snow.

Traffic was snarled for hours, firemen were at their busiest and police handled hundreds of accidents.

Snow was driven by winds of 25 miles an hour, with gusts of up to 35 miles.

The mercury dropped to near zero, while a low of 15 below was forecast for tonight with the high Monday at two below.

There were two major fires in Montreal.

Some motorists who had gone to bed Friday night leaving their automobiles parked outside found them buried fender-deep in snow drifts.

Traffic snarls were a common sight and street cars and buses were delayed as much as two hours in some districts.

A baby was born in an automobile just outside a hospital while the wind howled. The driver of the car had rescued the expectant mother, Mrs. George Watson, from a stalled taxi cab.

Trains ran late, planes were grounded by poor visibility and bus runs outside the city were cancelled.

Trains from Winnipeg, Halifax and some points in Ontario and Quebec were about three hours late.

First Secretary-General Of United Nations Dies

ROGATE, England, Dec. 16 — (Reuters) — Lord Perth, 75, first secretary-general of the League of Nations who steered the world organization through 14 difficult years, died at his Hampshire home here Saturday night.

As Sir Eric Drummond, he served on the British delegation negotiating the 1919 Versailles Treaty, ending the First World War. He sufficiently impressed French Premier George Clemenceau for him to propose the "Quiet Scot" as secretary-general of the league.

For 14 years Lord Perth's administrative ability and diplomacy kept the league together. Tall and powerfully built, he needed all the suavity and tact that an old-style English education could impart to do his work.

He resigned in 1933, though the League council pressed him to remain in charge. For six years he was British ambassador in Italy.

An unhappy episode as chief of Foreign Office propaganda followed. The critics said he knew nothing about the job, and the Church of England protested that he was too closely bound to the Papacy. Lord Perth was converted to Catholicism at the age of 27.

In 1946 Lord Perth became leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Lords.

Descendant of a Hungarian family which settled in Scotland late in the 13th century, he was over 60 when he succeeded to the Earldom of Perth in 1937.

With it he assumed a host of ancient titles, including that of hereditary Thane of Lennox.

In 1904 Lord Perth married the Honourable Angela Constable-Maxwell, younger daughter of Lord Herries, who survives him. They had one son and three daughters.

Heir to the title is their son, Viscount Strathalian. 44.

U.K. Bids To Restore Confidence In Economy

(By Arthur Gavshon)

LONDON, Dec. 16—(AP)—Hard-up Britain announced Saturday she will pay both interest and capital instalments, totalling $176,000,000 due Dec. 31 on her post-war loans from Canada and the United States. She could have claimed a waiver on the interest.

Prime Minister Churchill's Government also gave the British pound sterling a small measure of freedom to demonstrate its real value in foreign money markets. Subject to some continuing limitations, the Bank of England authorized private individuals to trade British pounds for foreign money for the first time in 12 years.

Both moves clearly were intended to restore world confidence in Britain's wobbly economy and weakened currency and to bolster the British case for more military and economic help from the United States.

A highly-placed informant said the government will have to sell gold from the British-banked sterling area's waning gold and dollar reserves to pay the United States and Canada.

However, Britain has asked for $600,000,000 in economic help alone from the U. S. Mutual Security Agency for the next six months and the United States expects to be able to hand over perhaps half of that.

A British Treasury announcement said:

"Under the relevant agreements, His Majesty's Government have the right on certain conditions to request the waiver of the interest element of these payments, but after a careful review of all the circumstances they have decided not to make such a request. The payment will therefore be made in full on the 31st of December next."

The interest accounts for $110,700,000 of the total. The instalments are the first of 50 which Britain is due to pay yearly.

The United States will get $51,500,000 on principal and $87,000,000 in interest; Canada will get $14,000,000 on principal and $23,700,000 in interest.

The United States put out $4,350,000,000 and Canada $1,185,000,000 for Britain in 1946 when she was reeling under economic shocks from the Second World War.

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HALIFAX, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Monday.

Synopsis:

Extremely cold weather grips the Maritimes, and Eastern North America in general. The weather is clear inland, but there are snowflurries over the water areas, and these are drifting in over windward coast. Not much change is indicated for Monday.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with snowflurries. Continuing extremely cold. West winds 15. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 10 below and 10 above.

High tide today at 12.11 A. M. and 2.01 P. M.

Sun rises today at 7.45 A. M. and sets at 4.32 P. M.