

"Sunny South" Shivers In Cold

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The "sunny south" shivered Sunday under a blanket of icy air which sent temperatures tumbling to record lows and caused millions of dollars in damage to crops and orchards.

Georgia's peach crop alone was considered a complete, \$10,000,000 loss after the temperature dropped to 19 and remained below freezing for more than 18 hours.

The northern United States also suffered from severe weather. Snow fell in the area from West Virginia to New England.

At least 27 deaths were blamed on the storm, cold weather.

In South Carolina, windy, choppy water and low temperatures drowned more than 200 fishermen and pleasure boaters on islands dotting Lake Marion. Helicopters flew shuttle rescue ser-

vice to pick up 100. Others made shore by themselves.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Winds of gale force accompanied by heavy snow squalls lashed most of upstate New York Sunday. Snow blows and sanding crews fought a losing battle on icy, drifted highways.

State Police reported travel hazardous. Snow and wind cut visibility to zero in many areas.

The New York state thruway authority said a number of automobiles had been virtually "blown off" the four-lane highway west of Amsterdam.

The storm, which swept in off the Great Lakes, deposited 10 inches of new snow on Syracuse during the day, and more was expected. Wind gusts were up to 51 miles an hour.

Severe Storm In Quebec

MONTREAL (CP)—A spring blizzard piled four-foot drifts over Montreal and the Eastern Townships during the weekend, clogging roads and forcing almost all ground transportation to a halt.

The 15-inch snowfall, followed by winds in gusts up to 40 miles an hour, quickly filled in highways, city streets and sidewalks and reduced visibility in Montreal to less than half a block.

The provincial roads department said all but a couple of roads linking Montreal with cities in other parts of the province had been closed. "The visibility is zero," said a department spokesman.

Provincial Transport Company, which operates buses almost all centres throughout the Montreal and Eastern-Townships area, said all its runs had been cancelled.

A company official said "our drivers can't see a thing."

stead highway.

The storm roared into Quebec Saturday with winds reaching 60 miles an hour in the Quebec City area. Highways were blocked and many city streets were unusable as it dumped some 12 inches of snow on the city Saturday and Sunday.

Flights from Ancien Lorette airport, 10 miles from the city, were cancelled about April 15. Personnel were unable to reach their homes.

NO FLIGHTS CANCELLED

Trans-Canada Air Lines reported that 30 feet off the ground visibility was perfect. Poor visibility on the runways had delayed several flights but none had been cancelled.

Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways said some of their runs had been delayed but all were getting through. One CNR train bound from Halifax to Montreal was five hours behind time.

The weather office predicted cold weather today but no snow.

All roads leading to Sherbrooke in the Eastern Townships were blocked and the city was cut off from the rest of the province except for rail traffic. Trains were running 15 minutes to half-an-hour late.

Drifts on some highways were so bad that provincial roads department spokesmen said it is unlikely they will be cleared before Tuesday. Cars were stranded even on the outskirts of the city, but only one accident was reported.

Seven persons were injured Saturday, none seriously, when two cars rammed one another in blinding snow on the Sherbrooke-Stan-

Newsman Sees Chinese Making Bold Bid To Dominate Asia And Africa

The following interpretative, which raises new and startling considerations on the Formosa situation, is written by a former Associated Press correspondent in China.

By JAMES D. WHITE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Chinese Communist invasion of the Matsui islands, which some Washington quarters expect about April 15, would be a bid by the Chinese for leadership of all Asia and Africa.

The bold thrust would be beamed directly at the 30-nation African-Asian conference beginning in Bandung, Indonesia April 18.

Contrary to some Washington speculation that the Chinese Reds would hesitate to put themselves in an aggressive light until after the conference, there is good reason to think they would prefer to invade the Matsui before or during the conference to impress the very people they plan to dominate.

The destiny of Asia and the world may be at stake at the meeting, to which Asian and African nations have been invited to send their prime ministers and/or foreign ministers for a discussion of common problems.

GIVES STAGE

The conference gives Red China a stage on which to bid for Asian leadership in direct competition with India. The issue is whether Asians and Africans are going to follow India's course of non-violence and neutrality or Red China's strategy of violent partisanship.

China will want to show that her system works. She could use an dramatic object lesson such as an invasion of the Matsui.

Here are the possibilities, and Red China may figure to come out ahead no matter what happens:

As in Korea, the Reds once again would be demonstrating what they contend to be the superiority of their "waves of humanity" overwhelming a sea of fire, this time in small boats. With all due credit to the Chinese Nationalist defenders on the Matsui, it must be considered that they cannot hold out indefinitely against endless assault from the nearby mainland.

Toronto Grandmother Wins \$137,500 In Sweepstake

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Toronto grandmother, who will collect \$137,500, was the only Canadian who held an Irish Hospital Sweepstakes ticket on Quare Times, winner Saturday of the Grand National Steeplechase, run at Aintree, England.

In all, Canadians won \$577,500. Six will cash in on Tudor Line, second-place horse, and four on Carey's Cottage, third finisher. Holders of tickets on Tudor Line get \$85,000 each, and on Carey's Cottage \$27,500 each.

Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, who used the nom de plume "Lucky Three" on Quare Times had 11 of her grandchildren about her listening to the broadcast of the race. She said she will spend the money on her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Thomas is the wife of Dudley Thomas, general manager of Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., publishers.

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Coming Events

- **West Royalty Card Party tonight 8:30.
- **Cleaning Timothy Seed and grain daily. Elmer MacDonald, Crapaud.
- **See Covehead Y. A. two one act plays, in Community Hall, Tuesday 8:30. Specialties.
- **Hockey at North River rink tonight. Hampshire vs. New Haven at 8:30. Skate after.
- **Don't miss the funniest show of the year, by Charlottetown Players, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Wednesday, March 30th. Excellent Specialties, Curtain 8:30.
- **An important meeting of the Mt. Stewart Strawberry Growers will be held in the Memorial Hall at Mt. Stewart, Wednesday, March 30th, at 8 p. m.
- **A real honest to goodness Minstrel Show. That's what is in store for folks in and around Kensington on March 30th, when the Sommerside Lions present their All Star Minstrel Show at the King George Hall.

Wind Blocks Bid To End Niagara River Ice Jam

YOUNGSTOWN, N.Y. (AP)—A howling gale off Lake Ontario thwarted another bid Sunday by a demolition crew to uncork the Niagara river ice jam.

The United States Air Force stood by with two helicopters, but the weather grew steadily worse. By mid-afternoon, winds estimated at 35 to 50 miles an hour forced postponement of another dynamite attack on the pile-up of ice at the mouth of the river.

The blasting operation is under the reluctant supervision of the U. S. Army engineers, who have said the ice is too mushy to respond to the force of explosions. But the engineers undertook the

FRANCE AGREES TO RE-ARM GERMANY AND RESTORE SOVEREIGNTY TO HER OLD ENEMY

Four Dead, 19 Rescued When Air Liner Ditched

SEATTLE (AP)—A Honolulu-bound Pan-American Stratocruiser ditched in the Pacific ocean Saturday after one of its four engines fell into the sea. Four persons died and the U.S. Navy transport Bayfield rescued 19 others.

There was an intense 30-second vibration before one of the plane's four engines dropped out. The plane was 45 minutes out of Portland, Ore. Ditching orders were given immediately and the aircraft burned after it hit the water.

"There was no panic," said Capt. Herman Joslin, the pilot. "I had a perfect crew which did everything that could be expected."

One person with a broken leg, and others suffering from bruises and minor shock, were being cared for in the ship's sick bay as it made for Seattle.

ACCLAIMED HEROINE

Mrs. David Darrow of Auburn,

Missing Girl Starts Search

TORONTO (CP)—A province-wide alarm has been spread by Toronto police to find Dorothy Barry, 20, missing since Thursday.

Miss Barry, whose home is in New Brunswick, has been working in Toronto for two years. She was to be married in two months to Donald Higgins, a Toronto Transit Commission employee.

The girl telephoned her employer Thursday morning to say she wouldn't be in to work that day because of a severe headache. Later in the day she told a girl friend who lived with her that she was going to see a doctor. Police said she did not visit the doctor.

According to reports there was no reason why the girl would leave her friends and fiancé of her own accord.

"She was happy and friendly according to her friends," Det. Sgt. Fred Maxwell said. "She was well thought of at her place of employment too."

Quiet Returns To Belgium Capital After Rioting Over School Grants Issue

BRUSSELS (AP)—Both the government and Roman Catholics claimed victory today after Saturday's riotous demonstration against a proposed cut in state support for Belgium's church schools.

Calm returned to the capital Sunday after the uproar in which Catholics from all parts of the country, estimated by government officials at 60,000, braved barricades and mounted police charges to demonstrate against the Socialist-Liberal government's school policy.

About 40 persons, including one policeman, were injured in the street clashes, in which police used powerful fire hoses. Mounted police brandished sabres as they charged crowds to break up the demonstration, a ban on provincial and municipal authorities.

Officials said 64 persons, including four Catholic members of Parliament, were arrested. All but 15 were released later. Those still held will be prosecuted for carrying arms illegally.

Good News For Bad Sailors

SOUTHAMPTON, England (CP)—The world's largest liner put in to port here Sunday with good news for bad sailors.

The 83,000-ton Queen Elizabeth had been at sea for 24 hours in search of severe weather to test her four new stabilizers—the most powerful of their kind.

But the captain was unlucky. There were only moderate seas running in the English channel, and these had hardly any effect on the huge liner.

So she was force-rolled. Then the stabilizers were put to work, and the ship was righted immediately.

A crew member said: "One minute the ship was rolling and the next she was suddenly still. The stabilizers certainly made a difference."

The Cunard company said the tests had been successful.

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Storm Batters Coast

BRISBANE, Australia (Reuters)—A tropical cyclone battered the east coast of Australia Sunday night for the second time in a month. Ten inches of rain in five hours threatened new floods in southern Queensland and New South Wales. Winds up to 70 miles an hour wrecked two churches and eight houses at Yandina, 70 miles north of here.

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St. John Child Strangled By Scarf

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Six-year-old Betty Josephine Daley was found dead Saturday, dangling by a woolen scarf from a picket fence near her home.

City police say the girl apparently slipped while climbing the fence, her scarf catching as she fell.

POPE BLESSES CROWD

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Pope appeared at the window of his Vatican palace apartment Sunday to bless a crowd of more than 10,000 cheering pilgrims assembled in St. Peter's square. The Pope has been appearing almost daily at his window as larger and larger groups of pilgrims pour into Rome for Easter.

Drowned At Halifax

HALIFAX (CP)—The body of Dominie Devoyung of Arichat, N.S. engineer on the Foundation tug Josephine K., was found floating Sunday in Halifax harbor. Police said Devoyung apparently fell into the water while boarding the tug Saturday night and foul play is not suspected.

Body Recovered

PUBLICO, N.S. (CP)—The body of 42-year-old Joseph Amero of Publico, Head, was recovered from Publico harbor Sunday after he disappeared Friday night while taking a short cut across a railway trestle. Police said he apparently fell off.

Vancouver Hotel Owner Robbed

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two masked gunmen disguised as window cleaners beat and robbed a skid road hotel owner of about \$9,000 Saturday, then walked away with their loot hidden in water buckets.

Listed by police as a top suspect in the bold daylight robbery is William Babcock, 34-year-old bank robber who escaped from Oakalla prison farm last Saturday disguised as a member of a church choir.

Victim of the raid was Jack Tonell, 58, owner of the New Anchor hotel who was bound and gagged before the bandits cleaned out the hotel safe.

The two bandits were dressed in white coveralls and painters' caps, and carried mops and water buckets.

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Reports Lumber Industry Strong

HALIFAX (CP)—C. M. Croft of Halifax, president of the Maritime Retail Lumber Dealers Association said Saturday that the lumber industry "is certainly very healthy."

In his address at the annual meeting of the association, Mr. Croft said Maritime house construction "which really did not get rolling until last June" realized 117,000 starts and 106,000 completions in 1954.

He said that the lumber industry's opportunity for great improvement has continued "to be enhanced the past nine months with increased buying from the United Kingdom, prices are improving to the point where operators will again be able to cover the operating cost."



Official Opening Of Halifax Bridge On Saturday

The \$10,000,000 Angus L. Macdonald bridge connecting Halifax and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, will be formally opened with impressive ceremony Saturday, April 2, starting at 2 p. m., when Mrs. Angus L. Macdonald, wife of the late Premier, will cut the dividing ribbon. The mile-long bridge, second longest suspension bridge in the British Empire, is viewed as an important factor in the greater industrial development of Halifax, Dartmouth and the Eastern shore as well as providing improved vehicular services for this rapidly developing area. (Nova Scotia Film Bureau)

Advertisements for various services and businesses, including real estate, legal services, and local businesses.

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	7b	40
Vancouver	40	51
Victoria	41	56
Edmonton	24	52
Calgary	18	52
Regina	0	29
Winnipeg	11b	17
Montreal	12	23
Quebec	23	28
Fredericton	21	38
Saint John	32	38
Moncton	31	39
Halifax	33	40
Charlottetown	30	36
Sydney	29	35
Yarmouth	34	38
St. John's, Nfld.	27	38

Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island, Lower St. John river valley, southern half of eastern N.B. counties: Variable cloudiness with a few snowflurries; little change in temperature; southwest winds 20. Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 33, Fredericton 18 and 32, Saint John 20 and 32, Moncton 18 and 32.

Northern half of eastern N.B. counties, upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy with snowflurries; little change in temperature; southwest winds 15 increasing during the morning to southwest 25. Low-high at Chatham 20 and 32, Edmundston 20 and 30, Campbellton 20 and 32.

Bay of Fundy/Southwest winds 25 with gusts to 36; scattered snowflurries; visibility 10 miles lowering in flurries to two miles; temperatures near 20.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1.48 a. m. and 1.24 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. A two-car crash here Sunday. No one else was injured.