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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

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NY Stocks Surge To New High

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market surged to another record high Monday, adding an estimated \$2,000,000,000 to the value of all stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Gains of a few cents to \$2 or more were scattered throughout the list as the year-end rally which started on Christmas Eve picked up steam. Trading again was at a rapid pace with 3,790,000 shares changing hands compared with 3,050,000 in the last trading session last Wednesday.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks, on which the dollar volume estimate is based, rose \$1.70 to \$212.30, an all-time record top the previous one set Wednesday. Industrials rose \$2.70 to a record high, while rails advanced 30 cents and utilities \$1.10, both to 1958 highs.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 4.58 to 577.31, topping the previous high of 573.17 established Dec. 19.

Blue chips set a fast pace as steel, rubber, electronic, nonferrous metal, electrical equipment and tobacco shares rolled ahead.

The year just past has once again proven to be a very good one for the provincial department of health. Dr. M. Lorne Bonnell, minister of health, said yesterday in a year-end statement. The activities of the department were in line with those of the previous year, he said, however, some changes were made and new trends noted.

One of the chief items on the agenda of the department centered around the proposed hospital insurance plan to be introduced in the province. In this regard, Dr. O. H. Curtis, deputy minister of health is serving as executive director of the interim hospital insurance services commission and also administers the federal health grants. Dr. Burton Howatt was promoted from health officer to assistant deputy minister and as such, is mainly responsible for the detailed administration of the department. Dr. Howatt is also acting-director of the division of sanitary engineering.

P.E.I. Was Only Province Fatality-Free Over Holiday

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
The 4½-day Christmas holiday in Canada resulted in 57 accidental deaths. There were 40 traffic fatalities—the exact number predicted by the Canadian Highway Safety Conference.

Need Is Seen For Better Facilities, More Diversions

"Prince Edward Island has not even reached the threshold of tourist development," John Fisher, executive director of the Canadian Tourist Association, said last evening.

Mr. Fisher arrived in the province yesterday to visit his brother Dr. George C. Fisher, director of veterinary services, P.E.I. department of agriculture, and to renew old acquaintances.

Mr. Fisher spent yesterday afternoon visiting Mayor Johnstone, Lieutenant Governor-Hyndman, Premier Matheson, Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, provincial secretary and treasurer, Al Nicholson, director of P.E.I. Travel Bureau, A. Walthen Gaudet, and Mr. Justice A. E. Arsenault.

He was also the guest of the Charlottetown Rotary Club at its weekly dinner meeting, and was taken on a tour of the Stratagardney Park.

One of Mr. Fisher's main reasons for coming to the Island was "I wanted to put my foot on some red clay—but I couldn't find any."

He went on to say that the Island couldn't miss if it would provide the facilities and diversions,

which the modern tourist demands.

"You must give the tourist something to do and above all you must give his children an opportunity to expand their energies."

Mr. Fisher noted that if a causeway was built at Rustico Bay and with the proper facilities such as water skiing, surf boating, etc., the Island would be a "wonderful" tourist trade.

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Pitched Battle Reported In Santa Clara's Streets

French Austerity Budget Finds Many Pockets Empty

By HAROLD KING
PARIS (Reuters)—Most Frenchmen were caught with their pockets empty Monday as Finance Minister Pinay announced a new "austerity" budget that will increase the cost of living.

Frenchmen will have to pay more for cigars, wine, some foodstuffs, electricity, gas, coal, rail travel, postal and telephone services under the new budget, which comes into force on Thursday.

Monday, however, there was little panic buying, although a few tobacco stores reported sales slightly above average. With Christmas just over, most Frenchmen hadn't any surplus cash.

Pinay, at a press conference Monday, made it clear that Frenchmen must dig deeply to meet a whole series of higher taxes and higher prices.

REVOLTING WORD
He explained that his 1959 budget of 6,189,000,000 francs (about \$1,378,000,000) expenditure and 5,602,000,000 francs income left a 587,000,000-franc deficit (about \$117,000,000).

"The last time I shall use this revolting word,"
As Pinay was speaking, the American dollar was quoted in unofficial dealings on the Paris Bourse at a figure below the official rate for the first time in history. One dollar was bringing

62 of the new devalued francs, compared with the official rate of 493.7.

Under the new budget there a drastic subsidy cuts on food and for nationalized industries, plus economies on pensions and social insurance.

PAY OWN WAY
"Frenchmen will have to pay the full cost of what they buy," Pinay said. "A man who does not

eat chocolate will not have to pay for someone who does."

Old age pensions are increased, but pensions for ex-soldiers who fought in the two world wars are abolished except for the aged, invalids and those in need.

Premier de Gaulle's Sunday night call for "pride, courage and hope" in meeting the sacrifices to put France's financial house in order was generally received with approval.

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Concern Mounts For Balloonists

LONDON (AP)—Concern mounted Monday night for the safety of the British balloon Small World, missing in an attempt to span the Atlantic.

The London Daily Mail, sponsor of the aerial expedition, refuses to give up hope but has had an appeal broadcast to ships along the trade routes to keep an eye out for the floating plastic gas bag.

"It is anybody's guess what has happened," said a Daily Mail spokesman who has been attempting to chart the flight. "With no definite news it is quite impossible to speculate."

The tiny balloon, carrying a crew of four, including one woman, took off from the Canary Islands 17 days ago in hopes of completing the 3,000-mile crossing within three weeks. Barbados in the West Indies was the destination.

The Small World—if still aloft—has set a floating record for a free balloon, that is for one without an auxiliary engine. The longest any other stayed up was 87 hours, a record set by a German in 1913.

LAST CLEAR MESSAGE
Eleven days ago a clear radio message was heard reporting all going well aboard. Over the Christmas holiday garbled messages were reported picked up in the West Indies indicating that the balloon was still hovering over the Atlantic.

Venezuelan officials said a message late last week reporting the balloon down in the Venezuelan jungles was a hoax.

The Small World is equipped with pedal-operated propellers designed to stop rise-and-fall motion. Even if forced down, the crew would have a good chance

to survive, for the balloon is equipped with an underslung 15-by-11-foot plastic gondola which can be used as a boat.

Arnold Eiloart, leader of the expedition, and the three others riding with him are all experienced yachtsmen. They were well equipped with food and water on taking off.

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Three rebel columns pushed into Santa Clara after an encircling manoeuvre and attempted to link up there and capture the city.

Warplanes heavily bombed insurgents who, driven off the streets, took refuge in a soft drink bottling plant.

Cuban Rebels, Gov't. Forces Are Locked In Major Clash

HAVANA (AP)—The bitter and bloody Cuban revolution hit a critical peak Monday night. Rebels battled government troops in streets and houses of Santa Clara in a bid to cut off Havana from the rich southeast sugar provinces.

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It was the first major challenge to Batista's army in an open battle. The government has always claimed it could defeat Castro's soldiers in a head-on encounter.

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There were under heavy attack by government troops.

All highway, railway, telephone and telegraph communications with Santa Clara have been cut for nearly a week.

Batista appeared determined to destroy or capture the rebels in Las Villas at almost any cost. Informed sources said Batista himself planned to go into the war zone to encourage his troops to fight harder.

The fighting in Las Villas sent thousands of civilians fleeing the combat zone into the countryside, and into neighboring Matanzas province and Havana.

MAIN REBEL OUTPOST
The main rebel forces, still in easternmost Oriente province, claimed the occupation of 14 towns within the last four weeks and said three cities were encircled. The rebels reported Oriente's capital of Santiago de Cuba now was directly threatened with attack. Rebels and government forces clashed outside of Santiago.

The city is heavily defended. About 12,000 government troops are battling the rebels in Oriente.

Despite the serious turn of the 25-month-old rebellion, government officials in Havana remained confident the rebels could be defeated in any big showdown fight.

Cuba's economic future and prosperity appear to hang on the outcome of the struggle.

Looks For Bumper Year In Tourist Industry

With a record year in the tourist industry behind, Prince Edward Island on the eve of 1959 is already in the process of preparing for the greatest influx of visitors in the history of the province.

Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, provincial secretary, under whose department the Island Tourist Bureau is administered, said yesterday that inquiries to the local bureau during the past year would indicate a bumper trade for the Island's third most important industry.

Charlottetown's two hotels will be enlarged. One of these has added 25 new units and the other plans a 20-unit addition. A new motel unit with sample room display rooms in the basement is now under construction. It will be a 29-unit construction. Additions are also being made to an existing motel in Summerside.

ALL FIGURES UP
Figures in all departments during 1958 exceeded those of 1957. During the months of July and August there were 7,417 more cars transported at Borden and corresponding increases are noted at Wood Islands where the addition of the new ferry, Lord Selkirk brought the total to an all-time high.

A check on the number of visitors to the Island during the same months, shows that 17,322 more people visited here. Visitors to the National Park indicates an increase of some 13,250. There were 4,008 more campers than during the previous year.

Aside from its natural beauty and the hospitality of the people, not the least of Prince Edward Island's attractions is the fact that it is almost free from ragweed which causes hay fever.

More and more people each year are finding this province to be a haven to which they can come and escape from the effects of this most distressing ailment.

Looking back over the years during which he has key administration in the tourist industry, Mr. MacDonald expressed his thanks to the department of sanitary engineering who, he said, had cooperated fully in seeing that a high standard of accommodation was being maintained.

Mr. MacDonald also expressed his appreciation to the staff of the local bureau who, notwithstanding the disastrous fire at the Market Building, carried on in temporary quarters and did a satisfactory job.

THE unnamed baby was born Sunday, 3½ months prematurely, to Mrs. Mabel Hanes, 23, of Chicago, and her husband, Philip.

The child is getting oxygen and being kept in a constant incubator temperature of 88 degrees.

Feeding has not yet been possible, hospital authorities said, although an attempt at vein or tube feeding may be made tonight.

The parents have two other children, Lawrence, 4, and Brenda, 3. Both were of normal size at birth.

Seek To Save 12-Ounce Girl
CHICAGO (AP)—Doctors sought Monday to save the life of a 12-ounce baby girl.

She matches in size the smallest infant on record who survived—Miss Jacqueline Benson of Suburban Palatine—born 22 years ago in Chicago.

Papers On Newsstands Like Turning On Light

NEW YORK (AP)—The glistering ink of 5,500,000 daily newspapers lit up New York's long-darkened newsstands Monday.

"It's like turning on a light," said an unidentified New Yorker as he bought his morning newspaper for the first time since Dec. 9.

The end of the longest, costliest newspaper strike in history snapped on the switch. The deliverymen's 19-day walkout cost the city's Christmas-time economy in the neighborhood of \$50,000,000.

Some 20,000 employees of the city's nine major dailies now are back at work at desk and machine, rolling papers onto the streets. More than 15,000 of them were laid off during the strike and suffered a payless holiday.

The Publishers Association of New York originally offered the 4,500-member independent deliverymen's union a \$7 weekly wage increase spread over two years. Pre-strike deliverymen's wages averaged \$103.82 weekly.

Twice the union membership refused to listen to the proposal. A preliminary strike the night of Dec. 9 quickly swept newsstands bare of papers. By Dec. 11 all nine newspapers were closed tight.

Last Friday, with the aid of federal mediators, the two sides agreed to a revised version of the \$7 package.

At 10 p.m. Sunday the union announced the peace formula had been accepted by the membership in a 4-to-1 vote. The strike was over.



HON. M. L. BONNELL
Commenting further on the work being done in the setting



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executive, said he didn't want to create "an international incident" when he announced plans to change the island's name.

The 60-year-old vice-president and secretary of the Lukens Steel Company said he paid less than \$15,000 for the four square miles—"that's about the price of a small American bungalow," he repeated.

Krushevich had seen the loophole in his ruling—determined drinkers could grab a shot at one restaurant and hop on to the next for another. But he noted that "the fresh air should sober them up on the way."

It was hard to determine just how many restaurant-hoppers there were, but the extreme cold probably did just what Krushchev predicted. On the first day of the new ruling Moscow shivered in temperatures ranging down to 30 degrees below zero.

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FAMILY FROM ARRAN
Walker added Huston had forebears in Arran and "always wanted to own a wee bit of Scotland."

He said the new American owner expects to take frequent vacations in the one habitable house on the island which Arran farmers use occasionally for wintering their sheep.

But the people on nearby Arran Isle—Holy Isle is inhabited only by a couple of lighthouse keepers

In Coatesville, Huston, a steel