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FLASH FLOOD IN ALBERTA COAL MINE TAKES FIVE LIVES

American Chemist Arrested For Espionage

Mrs. Pitre Says Brother Told Her To Commit Suicide After Crash

By Richard Daignault
QUEBEC, June 15—(CP)—General Ruest, 51-year-old crippled watchmaker who manufactured the time bomb that blew up an airplane, heard his sister testify today that he told her, after the plane crashed, to commit suicide. Ruest's preliminary hearing on a murder charge ended after two days of evidence. Judge Achille Pettigrew will announce tomorrow whether Ruest will be committed to trial.

Released On Bail
Mrs. Arthur Pitre, the watchmaker's sister, was released on \$2,000 bond pending her own preliminary hearing on a charge of intimidating witnesses when yesterday witnesses said she warned her not to say her brother advised her to commit suicide. J. Albert Guay, the jeweler, was convicted of murder of his wife, one of 23 persons killed when the airplane exploded. He is under sentence to be hanged Jan. 12. Ruest testified at the Guay trial that he made the bomb for the jeweler but thought it was to be used in blasting stumps.

Also at the Guay trial Mrs. Pitre testified she carried a parcel to the plane, believing the parcel contained a statue. The Crown maintains it held the bomb made by Ruest.

Replying to questions put by Crown Prosecutor Noel Doron, Mrs. Pitre today said she visited her brother after the crash and
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Second Such Arrest In U. S. Within Month

WASHINGTON, June 15—(AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation tonight arrested an American chemist at Syracuse, N. Y., on espionage charges—the second such arrest in the United States in less than a month. A Justice Department announcement said Alfred Dean Slack, 44, formerly employed at an ordnance works at Kingsport, Tenn., had been taken into custody as an accomplice of Harry Gold in obtaining defence secrets for the benefit of Russia.

Gold, a Philadelphia chemist, was arrested there May 23 and charged with passing atom-bomb secrets to Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the British scientist who has since been imprisoned in England. J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. director, said in tonight's announcement that Slack has been identified as a contact who supplied classified (secret) information to Gold at Kingsport in 1943 and 1944. Slack at the time was employed in the Holston Ordnance Works at Kingsport.

Hoover said that Slack had admitted turning over a sample of a powerful new explosive which was being manufactured at Kingsport, and has also confessed to furnishing Gold with "highly classified" information on the manufacturing involved. The announcement said that Gold in turn passed the data and the explosive sample "to his Soviet principal, Semen M. Semenov."

The announcement served to identify Semenov as the mysterious Richard Roe, alias "Sam," who was named in the spying indictment returned by a Brooklyn Grand Jury against Gold several days ago. Hoover said Gold knew Semenov only by the name of "Sam," and that "Sam's" real identity was subsequently established through F. B. I. investigation as Semenov at the time, the announcement said, was an employee of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, Soviet business contact in the United States. Semenov left the United States in September, 1944.

Haze Pall In Pacific Being Blown Away

HONOLULU, June 15—(AP)—A haze pall which shrouded Hawaii and a vast mid-Pacific area for three days and nights was being swept away today by a northeast trade wind. The skies were blue over Honolulu and most of the Hawaiian Islands. But on the west coast of the Island of Hawaii, near erupting Mauna Loa, Roy Essoyan, Associated Press correspondent, said the haze persisted.

OTTAWA, June 15—(CP)—The official name of the residence for Canada's Prime Ministers will probably be simply "24 Sussex Street," it was learned today. When the House was occupied by the late Gordon G. Edwards, a former member of Parliament, it was called "Gorphywysta"—a Welsh name meaning haven of rest.

Claxton & Sask. Senator Clash On Defence Plans

OTTAWA, June 15—(CP)—Defence Minister Claxton and Senator R. B. Horner (PC-Saskatchewan) clashed today on the issue of whether Canada should plan for war in peacetime. In any event, there will be no peacetime conscription. Senator Horner told the Senate committee on banking and commerce that Canada had a right to be told how men would be mobilized in event of war. The present method, he said, was "shameful and diabolical." During discussion of a clause in the National Defence Act relating to wartime organization of Canada's armed forces, Senator Horner said: "I don't want to see the sort of national crisis we had in the last war, with plebiscites on conscription and 19-year-olds being asked to take the place of full-grown men at a few minutes' notice. We should be told now how our manpower will be used."

Inquiry Re Fishermen's Loans To Open July 4th

The Commissioner appointed to inquire into the operations of the Fishermen's Loan Act, His Honour Judge J. Sylvestre DesRoches, will open the Commission hearings in Charlottetown on Tuesday, July 4, it was learned yesterday. Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, K.C., Deputy Attorney General, has been appointed counsel for the Commission. First witnesses to be called at the opening session will be Hon. B. W. LePage, first chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board, Mr. Marin Gallant, who was chairman for a period while he was member without portfolio in the Provincial Government, and Mrs. Kathleen Higson, clerk-stenographer for the Board.

It is expected that between twelve and fifteen sittings of the Commission will be held in different parts of the Province, including all the principal fishing centres. The hearings will be carried on over a period of three or four months, but in order to facilitate the transcribing of evidence the Commission will not likely sit more than twice weekly. At the opening session, Commissioner DesRoches will announce the initial part of his itinerary. The first business will be the reading of his commission and terms of reference, and the taking of evidence regarding the set-up of the original Board. The inquiry will deal with the operation of the Board from its establishment in 1936 until January, 1949, when the new Fishermen's Loan Board was set up.

Confession In Montreal Murder

MONTREAL, June 15—(CP)—Police said tonight that the cook for a religious order had confessed to the Tuesday hotel-room murder of a Montreal woman, giving as his reason: "She turned me down because I had no \$2 left in my pockets." Gerard Royer, swarthy, 38-year-old, is held as a material witness pending an inquest into the death of Helen Bomwer, 37. Miss Bomwer's nude, lacerated body was discovered by a chambermaid last Tuesday in a dingy, downtown hotel room. Police said both Royer and Miss Bomwer had criminal records. They added that fingerprints found in the hotel room were identical with Royer's and "we have no doubt this is our man."

Londoners Flock To See Huge Plane

LONDON, June 15—(Reuters)—Thousands of Londoners flocked to London Airport today to see the Bristol Brabazon, the world's largest commercial airliner, which cost £11,000,000 to build. It was the first time the eight-engine craft had landed away from its home base at Bristol, where it had undergone all its tests, and the news that it was coming to the capital fired Londoners' imagination. The aim of various speakers at the conference was to dress the Cinderella of the alicans in smart uniforms.

Would Glamorize Garbage

TORQUAY, Eng., June 15—(Reuters)—A design for a more glamorous garbage collector was created here today by officials who are worried because he is the Cinderella of municipal services. Frank Flintoff, director of public cleaning at Southend-on-Sea, told a conference of the Institute of Cleansing that the idea that a refuse loader is a filthy, ragged creature, dressed in "dustbin discards," must be eliminated if the service is to compete with industry.

Consider Sabotage In French Airliner Crashes

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON
PARIS, June 15—(AP)—The crash of a second Air France Sky-master in the Persian Gulf last night led to strong suggestions today that the lost airliners may have been sabotaged by Indo-China rebels. Eighty-five persons were killed in the sister planes under almost identical circumstances within less than three days. Weather was bad in both cases. But there was no suggestion of distress when the planes last signalled for landing. Sabotage is commonplace in the long-fought war between the French-sponsored Viet Nam state in Indo-China and the Communist-led forces of Ho Chi Minh. Asked about the possibility of sabotage, an Air France spokesman here said that theory "could not be excluded." French authorities insisted, however, that strict security is maintained over plans to guard against sabotage on the airfield at Saigon, where both planes started their flights to Paris. Air France officials' both here and at Saigon lent support to the sabotage theory. They said it is "unbelievable"

20 Other Miners Escape From Rush Of Water

CADOMIN, Alta., June 15—(CP)—Behind a barrier of silt and soft coal, five men were entombed and believed drowned tonight after a flash flood swept into the workings of Cadomin Coal Co. mine and plugged a connecting tunnel. Twenty miners escaped. The water came from a drainage canal carrying water from worked-out parts of the mine. Swollen by spring freshets and a 10-hour downpour, the canal plugged and overflowed. Hundreds of tons of debris were swept into the tunnel. Trapped were: Roy Carr, 44, fireboss; and miners Mike Kaupinsky, 57; Peter Morris, 65; Red Kasovovich, about 70, and Steve Milanovich.

About the time the water swirled into the mine another flood from the McLeod River swept into the southern part of the town inundating 15 houses, the hotel basement and forcing evacuation of the hospital. Patients were taken to the school. Fellow miners immediately were organized into rescue crews to dig through to the trapped men. Their ranks were swelled by volunteers. Last man out of the mine was Windy Sherer. The water was up to his neck as he plunged through the exit. He said water poured down the mine shaft from above and cut off fans pumping in air. Almost as fast as it rose, the water receded today, and the mine was reported free of water. The McLeod River also fell rapidly after an overnight rise of eight feet. But on its rampage, the river and its tributary creeks had destroyed the dam providing water for Mountain Park; washed out all bridges between Mercoal and Cadomin, and flooded highways between Mountain Park and Mercoal, and flooded a strip mine.

Canada-Wide Cancer Fund Established

KENTVILLE, N. S., June 15—(CP)—A Canada-wide fund which will total \$500,000 during the next 10 years was today established by the Grand Council of the Canadian Cancer Society to honor the memory of the late Dr. John S. McEachern, Calgary physician. Described by president Jonathan Meakins of Montreal, as "the greatest contribution to cancer treatment work in this country," the new John S. McEachern Memorial Fund will make available to university hospitals throughout Canada needed funds for post-graduate specialization in the clinical treatment of various forms of cancer. Promising medical students who indicate a dedication to the treatment of actual cancer patients, as differentiated from theoretical research work, now will be enabled to undertake the necessary special training. Medical delegates to the society's annual meeting here cited numbers of cases in which medical students of promise had turned to other fields because no fund was available to support such training. Dr. John S. McEachern, one of the founders of the Canadian Cancer Society, died in December, 1947. Reports of the Provincial Divisions showed tremendous progress in anti-cancer measures during the past year. In New Brunswick some 45 clinic doctors, technicians, and nurses have been given special cancer treatment and diagnosis courses, financed by the Society. Miss Marion Belding, executive secretary, reported. In Prince Edward Island educational work is so intensive that every inhabitant of the Island has been contacted an average of 32 times during the past year.

United Church Conference At Sackville

SACKVILLE, June 15—A hood for minimum annual salary of \$2,000 has been retied throughout the Maritime Provinces by the United Church. It was reported here today by Dr. M. C. MacDonald of Toronto. Dr. MacDonald of Toronto, Dr. MacDonnell of Charlottetown, and Dr. Allison of Sackville, N.S., were reported as associate secretary of the Church's Board of Home Missions, he stated that the assigned salary minimum scheduled to be met in 1950 had been reached in the Eastern Provinces. During today's sessions 23 ministerial commissioners and 23 lay commissioners to attend the annual Maritime conference of the United Church of Canada now underway here at Mt. Allison University. Reporting as associate secretary of the Church's Board of Home Missions, he stated that the assigned salary minimum scheduled to be met in 1950 had been reached in the Eastern Provinces. During today's sessions 23 ministerial commissioners and 23 lay commissioners to attend the annual Maritime conference of the United Church of Canada now underway here at Mt. Allison University.

Troubled By Rabbits

COPENHAGEN, June 15—(Reuters)—Denmark has "tentatively requested" British authorities in Germany to relax the law forbidding Germans to hunt with guns, so that they can help defeat an invasion of rabbits across the Danish-German border. Yesterdays fire continued to smoulder in dry stumps here and there and it was considered possible a change in wind direction might fan it into activity again.

New Threat Of Floods Along Rivers In B. C.

VANCOUVER, June 15—(CP)—Mountain streams fed by melting snow increased their rush to the sea today and brought a new threat of floods. Patrols were stationed along the \$11,000,000 dike system in the Fraser Valley, strengthened since the \$80,000,000 flood in 1948. Snow-fed rivers in the north and to the east of Vancouver were danger spots, but the situation has not become serious. The Skeena River, 325 miles north of here, swept over the main highway between Terrace and Tye for a stretch of 60 miles. It threatened the Canadian National Railways main line from Edmonton to Prince Rupert. A bridge was swept away near Kwinitsa, 49 miles east of Prince Rupert and another bridge was carried downstream by swollen

Federal Gov't Moves To Tighten Anti-Spy Law

I.P.C. Discusses Freedom Of Press

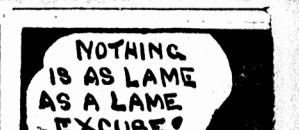
OTTAWA, June 15—(CP)—The seventh Imperial Press Conference prepared today to take action to extend freedom of the press in the British colonies. A resolution calling on the council of the Empire Press Union to give advice on colonial press legislation met with general favor and was expected to be adopted at a later meeting. Speakers from several countries complained of restrictions placed on the press by governments in the colonies. The discussion came as nearly 100 spokesmen from the press of the Commonwealth went through the seventh day of their conference. They will be meeting here for the remainder of the week. In the afternoon, the delegates had a closed session on Commonwealth defence with Defence Minister Claxton, Lt. Gen. Charles Foulkes, chief of the General Staff, and O. M. Solandt, director-general of defence research. BONN, Germany, June 15—(Reuters)—Tin soldiers and other "warlike" toys will disappear from West-German homes if Parliament accepts a resolution tabled today by the parliamentary committee for internal affairs.

Expect U. S. To Act

OTTAWA, June 15—(CP)—The Government, with one eye on the international character of Communist espionage, moved today to tighten and toughen its anti-spy law by doubling the maximum penalty and broadening the scope to cover offences outside Canada. Authoritative sources said at least one of four proposed amendments to the Official Secrets Act, introduced today in the Commons, could have far-reaching effects. One apparent purpose, arising from foreign postings, is to cover the case of Canadian servicemen who illegally give secret material obtained in or obtained from home while in the country where they are serving. There now are 400 serving abroad. It is expected that the United States will act to amend its own spy laws to cover similar cases of American troops based in Newfoundland or elsewhere in Canada. It also would cover Canadian civilians whose offences are committed outside Canada and who return home, voluntarily or by extradition proceedings. Justice Minister Garson introduced the bill to amend the Official Secrets Act, the basis of the 1946 spy prosecutions, to: 1. Boost from seven to 14 (Continued on page 13, Col. 4)

Woods Fire Burns Large Area Near Martinvale

A fire which had been burning in the Martinvale area in King's County since Tuesday evening, was reported under control last night, after an area five miles long by a mile wide had been burned over. No buildings were destroyed but the fire destroyed stands of both hard and soft woods. At least eight different owners suffered loss. The blaze broke out Tuesday evening about 5 o'clock. After burning quite slowly all night it travelled about five miles in a couple of hours Wednesday and came within a few hundred yards of the dwelling and farm buildings of Billy MacDonald, Milburn. It was in the latter district that it was finally halted, after touching on property on Bangor, further north. Owners suffering loss of wood and lumber included Nathan Finlayson, Peter Campbell, Joseph Kelly, Percy MacKay, Mrs. Ewen MacDougall, Compton's, William MacDonald and Victor James. Royal Canadian Mounted Police from Montague detachment directed fire fighting efforts. Some 50 men from the districts involved and nearby settlements assisted. Mr. Jack Compton of Bellevue, operating a bulldozer, plowed the fire break through the woods, and materially assisted in halting the flames. Yesterdays fire continued to smoulder in dry stumps here and there and it was considered possible a change in wind direction might fan it into activity again.



Nothing is as lame as a lame excuse!

TORONTO, June 15—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 49 68; Edmonton 46 57; Regina 59 60; Winnipeg 59 67; Ottawa 58 81; Montreal 63 79; Quebec 60 79; Saint John 43 —; Moncton 48 78; Halifax 47 69; Charlottetown 49 73; Sydney 46 74; Yarmouth 48 61; St. John's 44 66.

HALIFAX, June 15—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax. Fine warm weather was reported from most of Eastern Canada Thursday. Afternoon temperatures ranged from 61 at Yarmouth, where sea breezes were blowing, to 79 at Edmonton and Campbellton. Rain was falling tonight at Sackville, caused by a disturbance to the south, but this will have no effect on the mainland. Sea fog is drifting inland at some coastal localities, but after sunrise the fog will recede and another fine warm day is forecast.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Friday: Prince Edward Island: Clear and continuing warm. Light winds. Low early Friday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 49 and 72. High tide today at 10:26 A. M. Sun rises at 4:26 A. M. and sets at 8:01 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — TORMENTINE'S FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS Leave Borden at 9:10 a. m., 1:06 p. m. and 4:30 p. m. and Cape Tormentine pier at 10:35 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 7:30 p. m. SUNDAY SERVICE Lv. Borden 8:10 A.M. Lv. Cape Tormentine 1:00 P.M. 3:00 P.M. 6:45 P.M. 8:00 P.M. All times are Atlantic Standard.

WOOD ISLANDS — CARIBOU DAILY FERRY Leave Wood Islands 8 A.M.; 11 A.M.; 1 P.M.; 5 P.M. Leave Caribou 8 A.M.; 11 A.M.; 1 P.M.; 5 P.M.

Coming Events

- *Reserve June 22nd for South Milton W. I. Festival.
- *Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *Regular dance East Royalty rink hall, Friday, June 16.
- *Reserve July 6th for Marshfield Presbyterian Church tea.
- *Dance Emerald Hall, Friday, June 16. Lot 65 orchestra. Sponsored by the Women's Institute.
- *Kelly's Cross Hall, Monday, June 19th, Ice Cream, Dance, (Modern and Old Time). MacNeill's Orchestra.
- *Highfield Women's Institute party sale second floor Moore & McLeod's, Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m.
- *Cake Sale, aid of St. Charles Auxiliary, Rogers Hardware, Saturday, June 17th, at 2 P. M.
- *Don't miss the Ice Cream Festival and Dance, Cherry Hill School, June 21st.
- *See Fort Augustus Players, Tracadie Hall, Friday, June 16th, 8:30. Dance after.
- *Free photo to every customer Burke's Studio, 142 1/2, Great George Street, Charlottetown. Mail your films.
- *Dance in Donagh School, June 16th. Orchestra, Country Cousins.
- *Cardigan Play, St. Teresa's Hall, Monday, June 19th. Dance after.
- *Reserve Wednesday, June 21st for Ice Cream Social in Tryon Community Hall.
- *Dance in Bridgetown Hall, June 21st. Canteen service. Turner's Orchestra. Sponsored Rink Committee.
- *Spring Recital by pupils of Graham's Road and Springfield Schools, Graham's Road Hall, Friday evening, June 16th, beginning at 8:30 P. M.
- *Dance, Wood Islands East School, June 20th, sponsored by Women's Institute. Sale of ice cream.
- *A great cast, a great show, it's the old-time, all-star comedy "On Our Merry Way", playing at MacDonald Bros, Theatre, tonight.
- *Show "Four Feathers" at Hunley River tonight at 8:30. First Chapter of Serial "Wolf Dog". Door prize.
- *Meeting in Stanhope and Covehead Community Hall, Friday, June 16th, to decide on raising funds for Hall. Ladies please attend.