

War, Politics Not Only Spectacular News Stories

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

News of war and international politics had competition this week from a pair of spectacular "inside job" thefts in the business world, an English murder case involving a fashionable doctor and rich old ladies, and a bizarre level-crossing accident in Arizona.

In Montreal, one of the city's oldest brokerage firms was R. Moat and Company. Just six years short of completing 100 years in business, the firm was forced into bankruptcy this week because of embezzlement of \$700,000 worth of negotiable securities. A 21-year-old clerk was arrested in Miami, Fla., in connection with the case.

The second theft concerned secret oil company maps worth millions of dollars. The Gulf Oil Company reported a trusted employee in its Pittsburgh office, apparently weighted down with gambling debts, stole the company's maps of potential oil-producing areas and sold them to racketeering speculators.

MURDER THRILLER

Wealthy widows in their twilight years go to Eastbourne, on the English south coast, to enjoy its mild climate and genteel surroundings. Many of them die there. Last summer Scotland Yard scented something peculiar about the circumstances under which some 300 of them died. Detectives showed special interest in their wills.

This week a chubby, round-faced doctor, John Bodkin Adams, 57, was arrested and charged with

the murder of one of his patients, an 81-year-old widow. When she died six years ago, leaving \$175,000, her death was certified as due to a stroke and her body cremated. At that time Adams said he had no pecuniary interest in the woman's death.

MACABRE ACCIDENT

Recipe for tragedy: take a 1938 jalopy, load it with 13 people, one weighing 250 pounds, then speed at between 70 and 80 miles an hour in the direction of an unprotected railway level crossing.

That's what happened last Monday at Phoenix, Arizona. The car got to the crossing at the same time as a train, also doing about 75 miles an hour. Twelve of the 13 car occupants were killed, making it the worst accident of its kind on record.

JETS FOR GERMANY

West Germany, one of the world's most highly industrialized countries, has turned to Canada for jet aircraft—enough of them to ensure jobs for two years for 3,000 Canadians.

The 225 Sabre jets will go to the newly-formed German air force. And German air crews will come to Canada to be taught how to fly them.

NEHRU WELCOMED

India's Prime Minister Nehru, who occupies an intermediate position between East and West in world affairs, visited Washington for long talks with President Eisenhower.

Nehru said he found U.S. policy "not as rigid" as he had thought. But except for generalities, little

information became available on the direction the talks took. From Washington, Nehru went to New York for a visit before going on to Ottawa.

EDEN BACK

Prime Minister Eden went through his first week in Parliament since his return from Jamaica. London newspapers said his reception in the House was polite but not very enthusiastic, in a by-election fought on the Suez issue, the government candidate won but by a majority much reduced from the general election margin.

SUEZ PICTURE

The British and French forces turned Port Saïd city over to the United Nations and withdrew to a small, wired-off area of the port. The troop commander, General Stockwell, boarded a ship in the harbor preliminary to embarkation of the last of the Anglo-French troops.

HUNGARY AND POLAND

The patriotic strikes in Hungary ended, and all resistance to the puppet government seemed over—for the time being at any rate. In Poland, the Warsaw government signed an agreement with Russia defining the Red Army's status in Poland. The Russians pledged no interference in Poland's internal affairs.

Britain made an offer of self-government to Cyprus. Britain would continue to control defence, foreign policy and internal security. Both the Greek majority and the Turkish minority rejected the plan.



AT THE STORE DURING THE FIRE

Grocery Store At Souris Is Gutted By Early Morning Fire

Fire yesterday morning gutted the grocery store of Cheverie Bros on west end Main Street at Souris, causing loss estimated at more than \$6,000, partially covered by insurance.

The blaze was discovered at 7:40 by a neighbor, Joseph Cheverie, and the Fire Department responded promptly and within an hour had the outbreak under control. However, the stock, valued at between \$5,000 and \$6,000 was practically a total loss from the effects of fire and water. The building was left standing but it is only a shell, the whole interior being gutted.

Apparently the fire had been smoldering for some time before it was discovered. An oil

stove had been left on over night and it was suspected the fire originated around it.

The home of Joseph Cheverie was directly across the street from the store and the wind was blowing towards it. There was fear for a time that the flames would break through the walls or roof of the store and endanger the dwelling but firemen managed to keep them confined to the interior. Both the roof and walls of the store were covered with asphalt shingles.

Insurance was said to amount to \$3,000.

The business is now operated by Michael J. Cheverie. Formerly he was associated with his brother, Reginald, but they dissolved partnership last fall.

midnight, pluck twelve sage leaves. As you look up, you will see the shadow figure of your future husband emerging from the darkness. But take good care not to break any of the stems of the leaves in your nervousness. Eligible men are said to like that to happen on Christmas Eve.

Talking Strictly Forbidden

If you do not fancy going out at so late an hour—though you need not fear ghosts, they never come on Christmas Eve—you can stay indoors, and, with a little more trouble, get the information you seek.

The way to a man's heart being only through his stomach, you must bake a dough cake, on Christmas

Eve. Prick your initials on it and place it on a stone in front of the hearth. Then find yourself a hiding place from which to watch it late at night. As the clock strikes midnight, your future husband will come walking in through the open door and prick his initials beside your own.

Only one thing you must beware of. On no account must you chatter, either while baking or during your nocturnal vigil. It is another of those things eligible men don't like.

Men May Try, Too

Christmas does not help girls, only. It comes to the aid, also, of young men who are too shy to pop the question, outright.

Montague Christmas Activities Provide Good Time For All

Holiday festivities have reached a peak in the town of Montague this week, with school closings, church concerts, homecoming of college students, and the general hustle and bustle of the good-natured Christmas shoppers.

Among the students arriving home for Christmas are Peter DesRoches and Roland Sullivan, St. Dunstan's; Evelyn MacLure, Kenny MacIntyre and a Boyde White, Prince of Wales; Don a MacLeod, Billy MacIntyre and David Annear, Mount Allison; Stephen Hession, McGill; Robert Ross and Ralph MacKenzie, Vocational School. Also among those home with their families for Christmas are Blois Beck and Jimmy MacDonald.

The Junior Sunday School of Trinity Church started the pre-Christmas week with a concert on Monday night, which was warmly received by the audience. The climax of the evening was the arrival of "Santa Claus" who presented treats to all the children present.

On Wednesday evening the members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, along with their friends, were entertained at a concert at the church hall, after which "Santa Claus" made an hilarious and noisy entrance to the delight of the children, and again distributed the usual treats.

Also on Wednesday night, the Junior Choir of Trinity Church presented a beautiful 3-act opera, "The Little Blue Angel". This operetta symbolized the true meaning and spirit of Christmas, and the main characters, none of whom were over 12 years of age, played their parts with feeling and understanding, often lacking in those much older.

Thursday evening, High School students, teachers and friends, held a Christmas dance in the auditorium which was attended by

the whole student body. The decorating committee and Student Council are to be congratulated on planning such an enjoyable party. The teachers were presented with gifts from their class, and the ever faithful "St. Nick" es, and his appearance and distributed gifts to the students.

This auditorium has been the scene of many school activities, meetings, concerts, and school dances, and has been used to show films to the student body of both schools. This has been made possible by the purchase of a new projector for school use.

The enjoyment of those both watching and participating in the Christmas festivities will continue well into Christmas week, with the true spirit of Christmas being even more prevalent than in the past.

Souris Line Road Has New 4-H Club

On Thursday, December 20, the "Souris Line Road 4-H Club" was organized by Mr. C. Keith Clay at the Souris Line Road South School. The new club leader in this club is Miss Reta MacDonald who is also the teacher for Souris Line Road South School.

Officers appointed from the club members are: Miss Mary MacAulay, president; Mr. Gerald Keays, vice-president; Mr. Elmer Keays, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Clay gave a lengthy talk on the program followed by the 4-H clubs and the work involved in the club.

Some Christmas Love Myths

Girls, if you want to know about your future husbands, Christmas time will, if you follow tradition, give you your chance of piercing the mystery.

Will the all-important "he" be old or young? If you heed the old prescriptions, you will go to the nearest sty on Christmas eve and knock loudly on the door. If a great hog grunts first in reply, your future man will be old; but if, instead, you hear a little pig squeal, a young man will meet you at the altar.

But when will you be taking that walk up the aisle? In Devonshire they can tell you.

Hope To Hear The Rooster

It is to the fowl-house they go, on Christmas Eve, for this secret. Tapping distinctly on the door, they are supposed to wait with bated breath for the answer. The crowing of a cock in reply inside will be accompanied by a sigh of relief outside: for it will mean that the girl will be married before the end of the year. The outlook would not be so good if the hen got in first and supplied the answer.

If you want still more precise information about these mysteries, there are indeed a number of ways according to ancient lore, in which you can get it. Go into the garden late on Christmas Eve. At precisely

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AUCKLAND N.Z. (CP)—Doctors have the highest income of any professional group in New Zealand, figures prepared by the Institute of Accountants show. They are followed by lawyers and dentists.

Comparative figures converted to dollars are: Doctors \$6568; lawyers \$6277; dentists \$5362; accountants \$4544 and others \$4635.

Of 1217 professional men with incomes exceeding \$800 a year 489 were doctors, 354 lawyers, 90 dentists, 140 public accountants and 144 other professions.

The figures are not strictly comparable with Canadian incomes. Wage levels in New Zealand are considerably lower on the average than in Canada. On the other hand many major items of expenditure are also substantially lower.

STRIKES SHORTER

OTTAWA (CP)—Working time lost through industrial disputes in Canada declined from 1955 during the first 11 months of this year, the labor department reported Thursday. Preliminary figures for the 1956 period showed 218 strikes and walkouts involving 88,124 workers with a time loss of 1,245,000 man-days. During the same period of 1955, there were 155 work stoppages in which 58,911 workers were affected for 1,534,000 days.

BLAME U. S.

MOSCOW (AP)—The newspaper Izvestia charged Thursday that the United States incited Britain and France to invade Egypt as part of a long-range plan to oust them from the Middle East. The government organ says that U.S. policy is based on "a craving of American big business to oust Britain completely from the Near and Middle East and lay hands on all the oil riches of that area."

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B. C. Will Aid British Exchange Teachers, 1 Year

VICTORIA (CP)—Teachers who come from Britain to British Columbia on exchange will be aided under a new plan announced by the British Columbia government.

Education Minister Leslie Peterson said his department will share with school boards the cost of granting \$250 a year above normal salaries to British teachers working here for the usual one-year exchange period.

These teachers are paid the same salaries as they would be in Britain. As these are lower than those paid here, the teachers suffer a loss.

British Columbia teachers going to Britain make a personal contribution of \$250 to assist their British colleagues in Canada. Mr. Peterson said. "The new proposal is that the provincial government and the school boards should further supplement the British

teacher's salary by \$250. The 500 the same economic position as the thus paid to the British teacher B.C. teacher on exchange in will place him in approximately Britain."

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DUNDAS — Annandale United Church Circuit, Sunday, Dec. 23, 8 A.M. Pastor, Annandale Morning Worship 11 a.m. Dundas 7:30 p.m. This will be a candle light service, put on by the Y.P.F. of the Church. Special Christmas music. Offering for the M. and M. Fund.

MORELL EAST SCHOOL

The following is the school report for Morell East School for the month of November.

Grade VIII. No tests.

Grade VI. Edna Tobin, 2. Alycia Runighan, 3. Alycia MacDearmid.

Grade V. 1. Audrey Crane, 2. Arien Crane.

Grade IV. 1. Robert Hughes, 2. Doris O'Brien, 3. Alma Crane, 4. James Tobin.

Grade II Sr. 1. Evelyn Tobin, 2. Hubert Crane, 3. Gerry Runighan.

Grade II Jr. 1. Patsy Hogan, 2. Stephen O'Brien, 3. Harry Walsh.

Grade I. 1. Beverley Crane and Nancy Hogan (equal).

Teacher: Faye MacKinnon.

Egyptian Casualties in Recent Action

LONDON (Reuters) — Egyptian casualties in Port Said during the Anglo-French action there were estimated today to total 2,750, including 650 dead.

Sir Edwin Herbert, British Law Society president who investigated the casualties for the British government, gave the following as his "reasonable estimate" of the casualties:

Dead 650; wounded and detained in hospital 500; slightly wounded 1,200. Total: 2,750.

The report said these figures were exclusive of casualties in Port Fuad, of which Herbert regarded approximately 100 dead as established.

ATTENTION

MILK CUSTOMERS OF MONTAGUE

Milk will be delivered Monday morning as usual and again on Monday afternoon. Please put out as many bottles as possible Monday afternoon. There will be no milk delivery on Christmas day. The milk plant will be open Monday until 10:00 p.m. and closed all day Christmas day.

With your co-operation our staff can enjoy the Christmas holiday

MONTAGUE DAIRY

Thank you.