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DEMOCRATS IN UNCERTAINTY ON EVE OF CONVENTION

Sudden Rain Saves N.S. Settlement From Fire

Liner Gripsholm Picks Up 45 From Burning Freighter; Four Missing

NEW YORK, July 20 — (AP) — The luxury liner Gripsholm turned mercy ship Saturday and snatched from death 45 of 49 persons fleeing a freighter fire 65 miles off the eastern tip of Long Island.

The 5,000-ton freighter, the Black Gull, valued at \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, carried nine passengers, a crew of 40 and a rich cargo, including volatile chemicals.

A Gripsholm lifeboat, churning through the tossing waters of the Atlantic before dawn, plucked 21 officers and crew members from the bow of the flaming freighter.

They were clustered together, ready to leap into the sea as the chemically-fed inferno roared relentlessly toward them.

Another 24 crew members and passengers, six of them women, had jammed into the Black Gull's last lifeboat and pulled away from the burning vessel.

The other lifeboat had been lost. The four missing crew members leaped 35 feet out the stern of the Black Gull.

Coast Guard cutters and planes found no trace of them, but kept up the search.

Wreckage Taken In Tow

The still-smoldering wreckage of the Black Gull was taken under tow today by a big ocean-going salvage tug.

The Coast Guard estimated it would take the tug about two days to tow the freighter into New York harbor. Smoke still drifted from the Black Gull.

Today, the wreckage of the Black Gull wallowed on a bright, calm sea, her shell plating glowing cherry red amidships from the fire.

The Coast Guard cutter Yeaton reported that attempts to douse the fires were abandoned.

In New York a representative of the ship's owners, Sigurd-Herfurudsen and Co., said the salvage firm was working on a "no-cure, no-pay contract."

Forty four of the 45 survivors were transferred from the Gripsholm to the Coast Guard cutter MacKinac and were brought to Staten Island here Saturday night.

Eight went to a hospital.

The 45th man, third officer Nils Varen, was burned so badly he was kept aboard the Sweden-bound

Coming Events

**Sandy's Drive-In Theatre. Shows Tuesday and Friday's 9 p.m.

**Reserve Wednesday, July 23, for parish picnic at Brae.

**Picnic, St. Brigid's, Lot 11, Saturday, July 26.

**Dance, Lorne Valley, every Tuesday, Burke's Orchestra.

**Dance Alberly Plains Hall, Tuesday, July 22. Refreshments.

**Dance Morell Wednesday. Modern, old-time. Burns Orchestra.

**Bonshaw July 21st at 6.30 p.m., softball, Long Creek Wildcats vs. Bonshaw Bears.

**Mail your films and negatives to Garnhua Studios, Charlottetown.

**Kinkora Hall, Tuesday, July 22nd. A real good show. "Too Young to Kiss."

**Dance in Vernon River Hall, Monday, July 21st. Rollic MacKenzie's Orchestra.

Barn At Palmer Road Damaged In Electrical Storm

A barn belonging to John Ready, Palmer Road, was struck by lightning Saturday evening after eight o'clock and badly damaged by the resulting fire. With the assistance of neighbors the blaze was brought under control. Damage was quite extensive and included a number of hens smothered by the smoke.

The electrical storm was accompanied by heavy hail which did considerable damage to hay and corn crops in the Palmer Road and Ebbfleet areas.

Gripsholm for medical treatment. One of the surviving passengers, Thomas Davis Leeson, told a story that combined heroism with the frantic flight from the flames.

Stewardess Was Heroine

Leeson, a Briton accompanied by his wife, said a blonde stewardess known only as Suzanne was the Black Gull's heroine.

She calmly went about the ship, arousing passengers and helping them into lifebelts and the one lifeboat, he said.

Leeson said persons in the lifeboat found the heat from the burning ship so intense they had to crawl into the water to keep cool.

They clambered back into the small boat when they drew away from the licking flames.

The six-year-old Black Gull carried cargo valued at \$1,500,000.

Her charterers, the Black Diamond Steamship Line. A chief part of her cargo, which included castor oil and machinery, was 500 tons of naphthalene in metal drums. Naphthalene is used in making dyes and explosives.

She was one day out of New York for Bremen with her cargo when she burst into flames. Her skipper, among those rescued, was F. A. Anderson of Norway. Although chartered to the Black Diamond Line, she was of Norwegian build and registry and most of her crew were Norwegians.

Iranian Nationalists Threaten Violence

TEHRAN, July 20 — (AP) — The die-hard nationalists of Mohammad Mossadegh filled the tense air of this riot-ridden capital today with threats to assassinate his successor, Premier Ahmed Qavam.

Spontaneous clashes continued throughout the country as an aftermath of Saturday's nationalist violence against the new Premier, who has promised to strive for a settlement of this country's crippling oil feud with Britain.

Extremist supporters of the uncompromising Mossadegh fear Qavam will make concessions in the oil dispute which would bring British authorities back into control of the nationalized industry which once produced 30,000,000 tons of oil a year and was the country's biggest money earner.

It was Mossadegh's nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's installations in Iran that brought a virtual shut-down of the industry.

Sask. CCF Asks Probe Of Germ Warfare Claims

SASKATOON, July 20 — (CP) — The Saskatchewan C. C. F. has asked that an impartial committee be set up to investigate charges that germ warfare has been used in Korea.

The provincial convention here Friday also passed a resolution condemning the production and use of all bacteriological, chemical, napalm hydrogen, and atomic weapons.

The resolution said those who used or planned to use such weapons were "war criminals."

Contained in the same resolution was a request to the Federal Government to urge all nations to sign the Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of bacteriological warfare, scientists were called upon to refrain from "activities relating to preparation of such instruments of annihilation."

The war weapons resolution was among 74 "foreign policy" motions

1,000 Acres Burned Over In Digby Area

DIGBY, N.S., July 20 — (CP) — Only a token force of firefighters today stood watch over the still-glowing embers of a 1,000-acre forest blaze, which for a time threatened the farming community of Lansdowne, 10 miles from this Bay of Fundy fishing town.

The fire—born in a lightning flash Monday—was beaten Saturday by a sudden, unexpected down-pour and the continuous efforts of more than 1,000 stubborn firefighters, 400 of them naval volunteers from Cornwallis naval base nearby.

Heavy winds today sent men rushing again to the fire scene but by noon they slackened and a token force was left to guard the perimeter.

Within Mile Of Settlement

The fire, which burned a 1,000-acre swath across a three-mile front, Friday crept to within a mile of Lansdowne, a community of 40 homes. In the flickering light of lanterns residents worked feverishly to erect fire barriers before their frame dwellings while volunteer firefighters toiled with bulldozers and shovels on the fire front.

A morning breeze Saturday turned the flames southward toward the prosperous cherry growing centre of Bear River. When the rain came the flames were a scant four miles away.

District Fire Ranger A. V. Banks said: "I still can't figure where the rain came from. There wasn't a sign... then it was pouring."

The fire began Monday when lightning struck a tree in the woods near Lansdowne, under dry from weeks of drought. The flames, believed quelled Tuesday, mushroomed again Thursday and the red glow and smoke pail were visible at Saint John, N. B., more than 40 miles across the Bay of Fundy.

Light equipment was rushed to the scene and bulldozers smashed roads through the brush and embers for heavy pumps flown from Halifax.

Three hundred volunteers from Cornwallis joined those already at the scene Friday night and more arrived Saturday.

Stick To Homes

Lansdowne residents stuck to their homes even at the height of the fire. "Only a few packed belongings in readiness for a dash to safety."

A \$1,500-dollar summer home and several logging huts were destroyed but there were no injuries. The burned area included both cut-over land and standing timber.

Speculate On Federal Election Late Next Year

OTTAWA, July 20 — (CP) — A federal election in 1953 could conflict with two provincial election campaigns.

Nova Scotia and Manitoba, with governments elected in 1949, may decide to go to the polls at or about the same time as the Federal Government.

The Federal Government has until Aug. 25, 1954, to fix the date for the next election. However, there has been speculation that the election will be held some time next year, probably in the fall. In unofficial circles, Monday, Oct. 5, 1953, is mentioned as a possible date.

M. J. Coldwell, C. C. F. leader, said recently he believes the election date will be fixed for either late June or early October, 1953.

No precedent will be set if Nova Scotia and Manitoba decide to hold elections about the same time. In 1949, three Provinces—British Columbia, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia—held elections within a few weeks of the Federal election.

Portmouthing elections in New Brunswick and Alberta will bring to five the number of provincial legislatures elected this year. Three were elected in 1951.

Saskatchewan voted June 11; British Columbia June 12, and Quebec July 16. Alberta has an election set for Aug. 5 and New Brunswick for Sept. 22. Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland elected new Legislatures last year.

The situation in British Columbia is such that a new election may be called at any time. In the recent election, the Social Credit elected 19 members, the C. C. F. 18, Liberals 6, Progressive Conservatives 4 and Labor 1.

In other Provinces, the governments are solidly entrenched. In Quebec, Premier Duplessis' Union Nationale Government was

Rain Brings N.B. Fires Under Control

FREDERICTON, July 20 — (CP) — Drenching rain Saturday enabled crews to control all forest fires in New Brunswick and more rain fell tonight. A few fire areas remained under patrol.

The index of fire hazard, which reached the peak of 16 recently, was down to four or five in most districts tonight and zero at some points.

Lightning accompanied the rain. Any fires thus set; would show after several days of fine weather.



The Prince Edward Island Regiment (17th Recce) took annual summer training at the Reserve Force camp at Camp Utopia, N. B., exercising in their tanks by doing manoeuvres and firing.

Vigorous Training Completed By Atlantic Units At Utopia

Eastern Canada Suffers Nine "Bombing" Raids

ST. HUBERT, Que., July 20 — (CP) — Eastern Canada suffered nine bombing raids in the first 24 hours of the mock-war involving more than 800 R.C.A.F. and United States Air Force planes, headquarters of the R.C.A.F. Air Defence Command announced today.

The week-long operations, called Exercise Signpost, are designed to test the vulnerability of Eastern Canada and the United States to long-range bombing attacks.

R. C. A. F. officials said the first raid came 45 minutes after the exercise officially opened, as twin-engine Mitchells entered the Eastern Canada defence system. The eight following bombing runs were spaced throughout the day.

A security blanket covered all other aspects of this exercise which Air Vice-Marshal A. L. James, officer commanding the R. C. A. F. Air Defence Command, says he wants to "resemble wartime conditions."

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No Outstanding Name Among Five Possibilities

By C. R. Blackburn

CHICAGO, July 20 — (CP) — Democrats on the eve of their candidate tonight are in the deepest state of uncertainty that has plagued them since 1932.

There are five leading possibilities but no outstanding or accepted logical choice and the source of the party's inspiration since 1932—the White House—is silent.

The convention city is quiet as a Sunday in Podunk Centre compared with Chicago a fortnight ago today on the eve of the Republican convention.

And it is hotter—84 in the shade and possibly more.

A cool wave is promised for Monday and undecided Democrats are hoping also for a nod from President Truman to indicate his choice among those who want to be candidates—or whom certain groups want.

Meanwhile the delegates and alternates, some 3,300 of them, are in the usual pre-convention brawl about seating with contesting slates from Texas and Mississippi.

Divided On States Rights

They are divided over the platform plank on states rights which boils down to a choice between the liberal Democrats groups headed by Truman and his friends favoring federal guarantee of equal treatment for Negroes and the deep south demand for a conservative plank which will leave this touchy subject up to the states.

They party split on this in 1948 and brought out the so-called Dixiecrats who opposed Truman. He defied them and won without their support but it is questionable if any other candidate barring Truman himself can do it again.

Five Seeking Nomination

The five men still courting the nomination openly and avidly are Vice-President Alben Barkley, Mutual Security Director Averell Harriman, and Senators Richard Russell of Georgia, Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Robert Kerr of Oklahoma. A dozen-odd lesser lights, favorite sons and dark horses, were receptive but not particularly hopeful.

There was even some talk that in the end it will have to be Truman for an attempt at another term. But that came largely from administration wheelhorses who might be suspected of wishful thinking because their jobs are at stake.

Truman, in Washington, was keeping in close touch with all the frantic manoeuvring.

A member of the Truman official family told a reporter that the President at the moment is content with seeing that the party platform is constructed along lines he wants—including a strong civil right plank.

"When he gets a platform he likes," this official said, "he is going to pick the candidate who best suits that platform."

On that basis, Harriman would appear the man most likely to be tapped. It was suggested since Harriman is the only aspirant all-out for the "new deal" and "fair deal." But whether Truman could dictate the choice of a nominee, even if he tried, was open to question.

VISITING IN GREECE

ATHENS, Greece, July 19 — (Reuters) — Lord Mountbatten, commander-in-chief of the British Mediterranean Fleet Saturday arrived in Piraeus Bay near Athens in his flagship, the cruiser Glasgow. The Glasgow was accompanied by the Canadian aircraft carrier Magnificent, four submarines, one destroyer and one frigate. Mountbatten's visit will last four days.

Soldier Drowned Near Aldershot, N. S.

KENTVILLE, N. S., July 20 — Pte. Walter Eggett, 18, of London, Ont., a member of the 48th Highlanders stationed at Aldershot military camp, drowned Saturday in Sunken Lake, 14 miles from here. The body was recovered.

The victim was in a group of 30 soldiers taken to the lake for an outing. Reportedly a good swimmer he drowned when he jumped from a boat to recover a pair of oars dropped overboard.

A coroner's jury said the death was accidental.

Palmer Road Boy Is Killed Instantly In Fall From Motor Truck

Paul Doucette, 13, of Palmer Road North, was instantly killed last evening about six o'clock when he fell from a gravel truck driven by his uncle, Mr. Leo O'Meara, of Alberton. Apparently the truck had slowed down on meeting a herd of cattle, and the young lad, who was riding in the back in company with another boy, was thrown out of the truck and fell under the large dual wheels which passed over him killing him instantly.

He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Doucette of Palmer Road North, and is survived by three sisters and three brothers. The accident occurred about one half mile from the Palmer road Church.

A jury was sworn in by Dr. W. A. Shea, coroner, Alberton, and after viewing the remains the inquest adjourned until Wednesday at 8 P. M. at the Alberton Court House.

The jurors are: George P. Knox, foreman, Erving W. Moller, E. Edward Bernard, Leo J. Arsenault, William G. Profit, Frederick J. Doucette and Edmund J. DesRoches.

The accident was investigated by the Alberton detachment of the R. C. M. P.

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Winding Up Tour

He was winding up a tour that had taken him as far west as Calgary where he opened and judged the stampee. The emphasis was on the Fraser gatherings in Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton and the Nova Scotia mainland. Tomorrow he meets the biggest Fraser gathering of all in New Glasgow, the centre of Scottish Pictou County.

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