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WIDESPREAD DAMAGE IN MARITIMES IN WAKE OF STORM

Middle East Causes Concern To Washington

Battle Continues Over Ban On Price-Fixing

OTTAWA, Dec. 19—(CP)—George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, charged today that the government was trying to distract attention from its lack of action against the high cost of living by pushing through legislation to prohibit resale price maintenance.

Prime Minister St. Laurent and his supporters had admitted, said Mr. Drew, that the legislation would have little effect on the cost of living. He suggested that if the government really wanted to tackle the cost-of-living problem it would reduce taxes, cut expenditures and remove some credit restrictions.

Mr. Drew spoke as debate on the bill to prohibit the fixing of retail prices by manufacturers and suppliers was carried through its third day mainly by Progressive Conservative and Liberal members.

No End In Sight

With no end of the debate in sight, Prime Minister St. Laurent served notice that unless the work of the session is completed by adjournment hour Friday, members will be asked to return Dec. 27 to handle the remaining business.

Attendance in the chamber decreased with each departing train as members, particularly from distant points, left to return home for Christmas. Samuel Balcom (L—Halifax) suggested in the chamber that those who have remained should be provided with free air transportation home.

The debate, as was the case yesterday, was marked by some name calling, laughter and noisy scenes. Rodney Adamson (PC—York West) charged the government with "fascist" behavior in its handling of the resale price-maintenance legislation. He was forced to withdraw the remark on protest of Justice Minister Garson.

Forced To Withdraw

Wilfred Lacroix (L—Quebec Montmorency) described the Progressive Conservatives as "humbugs" and was greeted with derisive interjections from Opposition benches.

J. L. Gibson (Ind—Comox-Alberni), a retailer for 14 years, said the Liberal Party unity on its legislation was "far greater tribute to the loyalty of its members than their common sense."

Arthur Laing (L—Vancouver South) and J. O. Gour (L—Russell), both business men, expressed support of the government's legislation.

Another Reason

Mr. Drew said there might be another reason for the government wanting to push through the legislation without hearing all the evidence.

Picking up a copy of the Financial Post, Mr. Drew quoted from an article saying that the annual January sales will be held about the time that resale price maintenance takes effect. The newspaper asked readers to guess whether reduced prices would be credited to the regular January sales or to the banning of resale price maintenance.

Mr. Garson interjected that he had never thought up anything as good as that.

Mr. Drew retorted that Mr. Garson, who had made such a "colossal failure" of handling the Combines Investigation Act to date, hoped to get some credit for price reductions in January.

It might be said that "the time for Santa Claus has passed but these are Garson's sales."

U. S. Accuses Russia Of Threat To Peace

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—(AP)—The United States formally accused Russia today of threatening the security of the Middle East and cited an 11-year-old Soviet dicker with Nazi Germany for domination of that part of the world.

An American note to Moscow, released by the State Department, rejected Russia's charge that a proposed new Middle East military command is aggressive. Russia's own designs on the area are to blame for the plan to set up the command, the United States said.

Shortly after the American text was released State Secretary Dean Acheson made clear in a press conference that conditions in the Middle East itself are highly worrisome to officials here.

Acheson told reporters it is quite obvious that the situation has grown in seriousness. Ground has been lost, he said, in the effort to work out reasonable solutions of the Iranian and Egyptian crisis.

The notes from the Western Powers and Turkey said Soviet "threats" to Middle East states constituted an interference in their affairs.

The Russians had asserted that there was no threat to the Middle East region and that Western talk about a threat was "an attempt to deceive public opinion."

Ship Aground Off Nfld.

HALIFAX, Dec. 19—(CP)—A ship's distress signal stuttered through the Atlantic silence today as a call to be rescued from the grip of a storm that menaced life on land and sea.

The British freighter Baitkon, of 1,500 tons, radioed she is on a rock at Little Green Island, off Newfoundland, and needs immediate assistance.

It was understood that the freighter's crew, estimated at about 20 men, was not in immediate danger. The R.C.A.F. and at least one ocean-going tug company were investigating.

Heavy Fire Loss At South Milton

Missing Patient Believed Drowned

R. C. M. Police were still searching yesterday for the body of Mr. Freeman L. Thies, 37, a negro who was the chief steward on the C. G. S. Lady Laurier. He is believed drowned.

Although all details regarding his disappearance were not available yesterday it appeared that while a patient in Souris Hospital Tuesday night he was found to be missing about 9 p. m.

Apparently he climbed through a window of the hospital while wearing only his pajamas and ran over a steep bank in the rear into the water. The bank is approximately 40 to 50 feet high. A body was seen floating in the water about 11 p. m. but the heavy seas running at the time and the fact that the tide was going out made recovery impossible.

He was a native of Dartmouth, N. S.

Heavy fire loss was suffered early this morning by Mr. Anson MacLaughlin of South Milton when his barn and some 7,000 to 8,000 hens burned.

For a time it was feared that the house would go also, but at 8:45 Mrs. MacLaughlin said she believed the house would be saved. A detachment from the Charlottetown Fire Department answered a call for help and had arrived on the scene shortly before that.

The fire was discovered shortly before 3 a.m. A neighbor saw the blaze and roused the MacLaughlin family.

Origin of the fire was not known for certain. However, it was thought possible it started in wiring in a barn at which carpenters had been work and which blew down in yesterday's high wind.

The hens lost were a mixture of pullets, broilers and laying hens, it was understood.

Amount of the loss was not learned, nor was it known whether there was insurance.

Death Yesterday Of Father J. Douglas MacNeill

The death occurred in the Prince County Hospital on Wednesday morning, Dec. 17, of Rev. J. Douglas MacNeill, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. William B. MacNeill of Summerside.

The late Father MacNeill was born on May 11, 1906, at Summerside, and received his early education at Summerside High School and later attended St. Dunstan's University. He attended St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto and was ordained to the priesthood in St. Paul's Church, Summerside, in 1932.

For some time he served as curate in Summerside and later at Tignish from 1932 to 1936. Father MacNeill was appointed parish priest at North Rustico the same year and in 1947 his health became a matter of concern and he was forced to resign his pastoral duties there the following year. While at North Rustico he instituted the Co-operative movement there and through his efforts along this line the standard of living among the people of his parish was raised to a high order.

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Storm Disrupts Services In Province With 65-Mile Gale

The weatherman continued to throw the book at Prince Edward Island yesterday with the third wind storm in less than two months.

Following a sudden thaw through the night, the wind reached a velocity of 60-65 miles per hour, with gusts up to 80 between the hours of eight and nine in the morning, at the Radio Range station on the Brackley Point Road, where a large window was blown out.

The trail of damage caused by the storm, which was still being reported last night, disrupted transportation facilities, telephone, telegraph and electric services. A heavy toll was also taken of broken windows, flues demolished and trees toppled.

The wind had diminished to a steady 25-30 last evening with gusts up to 40 miles per hour. The temperature also dropped during the day from a high of forty four to nine above at 10 p. m. The forecast for today is clear, becoming overcast and very cold, with the temperature rising to 15 above zero.

Four Provinces Report Long List of Incidents

HALIFAX, Dec. 19—(CP)—Winter's first danger-packed storm sent women and children scurrying for shelter in Western Newfoundland today and left a trail of wreckage across the other Atlantic Provinces.

At Stephenville Crossing, on Newfoundland's west coast, small boats evacuated women and children to shelter when gale-whipped waves covered the streets in the village of several hundred population.

The storm combined the wallop of 85-mile winds with rain and snow and a variety of deceiving temperatures as it whipped across southern New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia in a freakish turmoil.

Fires, interrupted rail, air and shipping schedules and wrecked communication and power lines were the result. There were reports of varying structural damage.

The Atlantic provinces, which

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Coming Events

- Christmas Concert, Harrington Hall, December 21st.
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- Cherry Valley Y.P.U. concert postponed until further notice.
- New Glasgow School Christmas Concert, December 21.
- Kinkora Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 20th, 8 P. M.
- Christmas Concert, Sea View Hall, Thursday, December 20th.
- Christmas Concert and Dance, Orwell Hall, Friday, December 21st.
- Bonshaw Christmas Concert, Bonshaw Hall, December 20th.
- School concert Breadalbane Hall, Thursday, December 20th.
- Christmas Concert, Uigg, Thursday, December 20th.
- Victoria Skat, Saturday night, opening rink.
- Dunstaffnage School Concert, Marshfield Hall, December 20th, 8.15.
- St. Peter's Bay School concert, Legion Hall Friday night, Dec. 21, 8 p.m.
- Special price on Flour until New Years. Limited quantity. Mt. Herbert Feed Service.
- Come to Emyvale Christmas Concert in Lot 65 Hall, December 21st. Dance after, Curtain 8.30.
- Reserve Thursday, December 20th, for Fredericton School Concert in Fredericton Hall.
- Christmas Concert, Fort Augustus Hall, Friday night, Dec. 21, starting eight o'clock.
- Christmas Concert and Dance Kelly's Cross School, Friday, December 21st. Curtain 8.15.
- Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- Warren Grove School Concert, Friday, December 21st, at North River Hall.
- Reserve Thursday, December 20th, for Crapaud School Christmas Concert.
- Meadow Bank School Concert in Cornwall Hall, Thursday night, December 20th.
- Big Midnight Dance in St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Christmas night. Chaisson's Orchestra.
- For Snapshots that will not fade mail your Films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios Charlottetown.
- Our stores will remain open every evening until Christmas. MacGuigan & Boyle, Vernon J. Noye, Hunter River.
- Notice. Buying dressed poultry at our store Friday morning, December 21st. Export trader, best prices. Vernon River Co-op.
- Come all to Springfield Christmas Variety Concert, Friday, December 21st. Curtain 8.15. Sale of candy.

Local Member Sees Retailer Being Used As Scapegoat

OTTAWA, Dec. 19—(CP)—Angus MacLean (PC—Queen's) charged in the Commons tonight that the Government, in pressing its anti-price fixing legislation, is trying to pile its sins "on the head of a scapegoat—the retailer."

The Government, he said, is trying to blame the retailers of Canada for the high cost of living.

Joining in the prolonged debate on the government's bill to ban the practice of manufacturers setting the retail price of their products, he urged that the bill be given a most searching examination.

Parliament had no evidence to indicate the end result of the legislation. There was no safeguard in the bill against "loss-leaders."

W. J. Browne (PC—St. John's West), frequently interrupted from the Liberal benches as he rose to speak, said it was an extraordinary thing that the Minister of Justice should have written the MacQuarrie Commission and asked for an interim report on price maintenance.

The Minister should explain that to the House. He should tell members why he suddenly singled out price maintenance for his attention, something which had been recognized practice for years in this country and others.

Believe Report Persons On Ice Was In Error

A possible warning to all parents to keep their children away from the harbour during the holiday season was in evidence shortly before five p. m. yesterday when City police and firemen responded to a call that movement had been observed on the ice floating in the harbour.

Rapidly approaching darkness made any observation difficult but what appeared to be a fire bush could be seen about five hundred yards from Fort Edward. The spotlights carried on the fire equipment were inadequate for the distance involved, but no movement was detected through binoculars.

Due to the broken ice and the high wind, it was deemed unwise to risk using the punt belonging to the Fire Department, but a watch was kept on the scene for about two hours. At a late hour last night the City Police stated that no one had been reported missing.

Major MacRae Expected Home From Korea

Major Andrew B. MacRae of Winsloe is expected to arrive home from Korea within the next two days it was learned last night.

Major MacRae, who has served two periods of service in Korea, was grounded at Toronto on a flight from Vancouver by bad flying conditions yesterday.

His first period of service in the Far East was as a member of the advanced party for the Special Canadian Force from October 1950 to January of this year. He returned to Korea again in April. It was while stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, with the advanced party, that Major MacRae received his promotion from the rank of Captain and was placed in command of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment.

Children Burned To Death At Granby, Que.

GRANBY, Que., Dec. 19—(CP)—Three-year-old Danielle Robitaille and her 18-month-old sister Vivian died today when fire razed their home on the outskirts of town. Their three young brothers were saved by their mother.

Mrs. Robitaille was alone in the house when the fire broke out. The three in hospital are Gerald, 5, and Real, 3, suffering from minor burns, and Paul, one month, whose condition is described as serious.

Mrs. Robitaille managed to carry the three children to safety, but the flames prevented her from re-entering the house to bring out the others.

The Granby fire Department did not go to the fire. The home was located outside city limits.

British Bacon And Candy Ration Cut

LONDON, Dec. 19—(AP)—The Food Ministry today ordered the bacon ration lowered from four ounces per person a week to three ounces, effective Dec. 30. An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among British livestock was given as the reason. Because of a sugar shortage, the candy ration will be lowered a half ounce to six ounces a week on the same date.

4 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

A WOMAN PICKS OUT A HUSBAND AND THEN PICKS ON HIM

Trial For Breaking And Entering Dental Office

The trial of Carl Power, Charlottetown, under the Speedy Trials Act opened yesterday afternoon before Judge C. St. Clair Trainor, Queen's County Court Judge, in the Supreme Court.

Mr. J. P. Nicholson, Crown Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown, while Mr. M. Alban Farmer appeared for the defence. The charge against the accused was breaking and entering and the case arose out of the apparent entry into the dental office of Dr. J. P. Millar at 127 Grafton Street during the night of December 1 or the early hours of December 2.

The office had been entered and considerable damage inflicted on one wall where the plaster had been badly broken right through to the outside brick wall. Besides this a faucet in the washbasin in the operating room had been left running with a towel stuffed in the drain.

Dr. Millar was the first witness called. He told of leaving his office about 4 that Saturday afternoon. At that time there was no damage and all taps were turned off. His office, is on the second floor of the Frowse Building and has three rooms, the operating room and his own laboratory. There is a small window in the laboratory at the back of the building.

Only One Door

The window looks out over a roof at the rear of the Taylor Jewelry Store, on Grafton Street, and is about four feet below the window. Dr. Millar said there was only one door to his office and that was from the waiting-room to the main first floor hallway of the building.

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GERMAN RELEASED

THE HAGUE, Dec. 19—(Reuters)—Friedrich Christiansen, 72, German wartime commander in Holland imprisoned for 12 years for the mass deportation of the men of Puteh village—the Dutch Lidice—has been released and returned to Germany. He served three years of his term and was sentenced by a Dutch court in 1948 for ordering the deportation to Germany of most of the male population of Puteh and destroying the village in reprisal for an attack on the Germans. Practically all the men died.

Two Ships Here As Ice Closes Local Harbor

The present cold snap and the possible continuation of yesterday's high winds have created difficult conditions for two boats in the Charlottetown harbour.

The Lake steamer "Eagles-cliff Hall", registered in Montreal, at present unloading about twenty five thousand bags of flour for the Robin Hood Flour Mills, at the Railway Wharf, was surrounded by a solid sheet of ice yesterday afternoon and may require the assistance of the G. S. V. "Brant" in clearing the harbour.

The "Brant" is tied up to the Marine Wharf and Transport Department officials said that if conditions do not moderate, it will be necessary for the two vessels to sail together in order to break through the ice in the harbour.

It was also reported that the G. S. V. "Lady Laurier", on a voyage around the eastern and northern shores of the Island picking up buoys for the season, has been delayed at Souris, by gale force winds and high seas.

Big Liner Reports Rough Crossing

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Dec. 19—(AP)—The Queen Elizabeth docked here tonight with 30 passengers in sick bay with minor injuries after her roughest Atlantic crossing in two years. The passengers were cut and bruised, and tableware and furniture was smashed by mid-winter gales. The 83,000-ton liner was only three-quarters of an hour late on her voyage from New York.

HALIFAX, Dec. 19—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here, and valid until midnight Thursday.

Synopsis:

The severe storm that caused strong gales and gusts as high as 80 miles per hour, now is centred east of Belle Isle. It moved northeast away from the forecast district, and the winds were gradually diminishing over the Maritimes.

The strong winds have brought extremely cold air to the forecast regions, and temperatures in many places will be below zero during the night.

Another storm now in the Central United States is expected to bring moderating temperatures and snow to the southwestern part of the district late Thursday.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness with widely scattered snowflurries ending Thursday morning, then sunny becoming overcast, Thursday evening. Extremely cold. Northwest winds 15 becoming light about noon. Low and high Thursday at Charlottetown 5 below and 15 above.

High tide today at 2:21 A. M. and 3:32 P. M.
Sun rises today at 7:47 A. M. and sets at 4:33 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Many Missing Tommies On Communist POW List

TOKYO, Dec. 20—(Thursday)—British officers today topped up the prisoner-of-war list released by the Communist and said it was "most encouraging" to find that so many Tommies missing on Korean battlefields appeared to be alive.

They said 1,150 British troops were reported missing. The Communists listed 919 as prisoners. One Canadian soldier was on the list.

The proportion compares with what American officers are calling the "pitifully thin" list of prisoners. The Communists say they hold 3,198 U. S. troops although about 12,000 are recorded as missing.

Vishinsky In Bitter Anti-American Tirade

PARIS, Dec. 19—(AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky in a bitter anti-American tirade today charged four U.S. fliers held in Hungary were spies and said he hoped they would get "due attention" from Communist military and judicial authorities.

But he refused to be pinned down as to whether he meant the four fliers would be tried by a military court.

The charge was loosed in an angry, vitriolic attack in which the Soviet Minister demanded before the U. N. political committee that it call on the United States to repeal its Mutual Security Act.

He said a section of the law said \$100,000,000 to organize armed groups inside and outside the Iron Curtain and was an aggression and a "gross intervention" in internal Soviet affairs.

Vishinsky's attack followed, but did not mention, the Moscow announcement last night that two men, with Russian-sounding names had been executed after being dropped by an American plane in Moldavia, a former part of Romania, for spying and sabotage purposes. U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said in Washington today that the story was a fabrication.

Royal Family Set For Children's Christmas

By Norman Cribbens

LONDON, Dec. 19—(Reuters)—Britain's royal family is set for a real children's Christmas.

At Sandringham, Norfolk, their picturesque country home, a sparkling 12-foot Christmas tree will stand in the ballroom and a round table, shouting and clapping with them, will be three-year-old Prince Charles and his 16-month-old sister Princess Anne.

Also present will be five other royal toddlers—Prince William and Prince Richard, the Duke of Kent, Prince Michael and Princess Alexandra.

Prince Charles, now old enough to know what Christmas is all about, is eager for a sight of white-bearded Santa. But he will not know that the jolly old gentleman in the red cloak is his father, Prince Philip.

The Duke is the man for the job. The King, though much recovered from his lung operation last September, will be content with a quieter role. But his enthusiasm for a real old-fashioned family Christmas remains undimmed by the years.

The King and Queen leave London by train for Sandringham Friday. Great Grandmother Queen

MCA AIR SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:25 A.M., 1:35 P.M., 6:55 P.M.

Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:40 A.M. New Glasgow 1:50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax. Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow 4:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY

9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow

10:25 A.M. Arrive New Glasgow from Sydney.

SUNDAY ONLY

Leave Charlottetown from Moncton 11:20 A.M.
Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 5:55 P.M.

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1:00 P.M. 2:40 P.M.
4:50 P.M. 6:00 P.M.
7:50 P.M. 9:00 P.M.