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St. John's Fog-Bound For Eighth Consecutive Day

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—This North Atlantic port city is in its eighth consecutive fog-filled day, without any sunny promises from the weathermen.

The fog settled last Tuesday and gradually increased its density. A Monday visibility here was officially listed as "zero-zero." No change is expected today.

The fog is not confined only to St. John's. All around the Newfoundland coast and even in the interior, the grey blanket has hung over the province. This is the only section of the island which hasn't had a break in the eight-day period.

Transportation, especially by air, is suffering most from the fog. There have been no flights out of St. John's since last Monday and Gander, the big international airport, has seen only three planes come and go.

The United States base at Harmon Field, on the west coast, is getting lighter weather although clear breaks are usually too brief to plan successive flights.

Syria's New President Given Big Reception

DAMASCUS, Syria, (Reuters)—Syria's new president Monday made a triumphal entry into his capital here to resume the office he lost in a military coup three years ago.

Hachem Bey el Attassi, 79-year-old leader returning to power in the wake of another army revolt, moved through streets filled with cheering crowds at the head of a procession of 400 cars.

A screen of tanks and armored cars patrolled the streets during Attassi's entry into the riot-torn city, reports received in Beirut, Lebanon said.

Thousands of soldiers lined the streets, scene of bitter fighting between troops and demonstrators Saturday and Sunday.

Expect New Tests To Include Hydrogen Bomb

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States government tersely announced Monday that an "atomic device" has been exploded in the mid-Pacific in the first of a new series of tests widely heralded to include a hydrogen bomb blast.

The scene of the latest explosion was in the general vicinity of Eniwetok atoll, in the Marshall Islands, where the first hydrogen device was detonated in 1952.

Matching the air-tight secrecy surrounding the current tests, Monday's brief announcement said merely:

"Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, announced today that joint task force seven has detonated an

Government Wins Vote In Unemployment Debate

Large Barn At Brackley Beach Destroyed

A large barn on the farm of Mr. Cecil Ford at Brackley Beach was totally destroyed by fire, with all its contents early last evening.

Ford had recently completed threshing and the barn, which had been remodeled and modernized, was well filled with grain and seed.

Attempts on the part of neighbors, who quickly assembled, were unavailing to save the building. It was considerable distance from the farm home, which was at no time in danger from the flames.

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Commons Monday defeated a Progressive Conservative motion asking for action by Parliament to meet the unemployment problem. The non-confidence motion in the government was rejected 101 to 83.

All three opposition parties voted for the proposal that a Commons committee study the problem and suggest methods to deal with it.

The division ended a Commons debate on unemployment that has stretched through six days.

The debate began Feb. 15 on two opposition motions dealing with rising winter unemployment. A CCF motion asking for direct government action was defeated 129 to 68 last Tuesday.

The PC and CCF motions were technically want-of-confidence motions.

Earlier Monday, Social Credit leader Low proposed a five-point program, including bigger unemployment insurance benefits, old age pensions and war veterans allowances, as a way to meet the unemployment situation.

He also suggested a permanent "watchdog" committee to keep a check on the country's economic health.

"We don't need to have a depression, and I don't believe we will have one," Mr. Low said.

Figures on unemployment released two weeks ago showed 524,000 persons looking for work at Jan. 21 through the National Employment Service, 186,000 more than at Dec. 10. The Bureau of Statistics estimated 290,000 jobs at Jan. 23, 90,000 more than in early December.

Naguib's Arrival Sparks Riots In Khartoum

By ZEIN NAGATI
KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—Twenty-two persons, including a British colonel, were killed Monday in riots sparked by the arrival of Egypt's restored president, Mohamed Naguib. More than 100 were injured.

A state of emergency was declared after police gunfire stopped spear-waving Sudanese tribesmen from invading the British government-general's house where Naguib was staying.

More than 30,000 demonstrators agitated for and against Naguib massed in the capital to see the leader arrive for the opening of the Sudan's first Parliament. But the rioting became so violent that the ceremony was postponed until March 10.

The Sudanese government issued a warning that it would take "lasting measures" against anyone found guilty of instigating the riots.

The demonstration was regarded as a serious blow to Naguib who came to his native Sudan after weathering a crisis in his own government which forced him out Thursday, then reinstated him Saturday.

Naguib had been a popular figure in the Sudan. Demonstrations broke out in Khartoum Thursday when word arrived that he had been ousted by the Egyptian revolutionary council.

Authorities laid most of the blame for Monday's disturbances on the minority Umma party which opposes both Egyptian-Sudan unity and any ties between the Sudan and Britain.

Sensational Outbreak Staged By Puerto Ricans In Gallery Of House Of Representatives

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON, (AP)—At least two men and a woman—spectators in the House of Representatives gallery—Monday suddenly shouted "free Puerto Rico", waved a Puerto Rican flag and cut loose with wild, indiscriminate pistol fire that wounded five congressmen.

Two congressmen were hurt seriously. The other three had leg injuries.

The gunman and their woman companion, Puerto Ricans from New York city, were overpowered and captured.

House Speaker Joseph Martin (Rep., Mass.) said they were part of a busload of Puerto Ricans who had come to the capital Monday. He said about 20 of them have been taken into custody.

Supports Treatment Of Toronto's Water

TORONTO, (CP)—Dr. W. K. Fenton, suburban Etobicoke medical officer of health, came out Monday in favor of fluoridation of metropolitan Toronto's water supply.

In a report to the metro works committee Dr. Fenton noted that tooth decay in United States centres where water is fluoridated was reduced by 60 per cent. He was quoting from a U.S. public health service test from 1931 to the present.

The welfare council of Toronto is supporting fluoridation but it is opposed by suburban Long Branch.

Chief Engineer For Defence Construction

OTTAWA, (CP)—Donald H. McLaren of Toronto, vice-president of Foundation Co., of Ontario Ltd., has been appointed chief engineer for Defence Construction Ltd., it was announced Monday.

He succeeds C. G. Kingmill of Montreal who is returning to a civilian post with Angus Robertson Ltd.

Defence Construction is the government agency responsible for erecting such defence installations as radar stations, barrack blocks, roadways and various military buildings.

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Wounded Legislators

The wounded congressmen are: Alvin M. Bentley (Rep., Mich.), struck in the left side below the heart.

Ben F. Jensen (Rep., Iowa), hit in the left shoulder.

Clifford Davis (Dem., Tenn.), shot through the calf of a leg.

Kenneth A. Roberts (Dem., Ala.) wounded in the lower part of his leg.

George H. Fallon (Dem., Md.), shot in the upper thigh, the bullet passing all the way through.

At police headquarters, the Puerto Ricans were identified as members of the Nationalist Independence party in Puerto Rico. Two other members of this party tried to assassinate President Truman in 1950.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	34b	—
Vancouver	29	45
Victoria	34	46
Edmonton	6b	4
Calgary	7b	3
Regina	3	3
Winnipeg	7	21
Toronto	46	50
Ottawa	35	43
Montreal	34	53
Quebec	30	36
Saint John	31	44
Moncton	28	36
Halifax	27	44
Charlottetown	29	39
Sydney	32	52
Yarmouth	29	36
St. John's	—	44

Mail Held Up

A TCA flight landed at Harmon Monday with mail but the mail is still on the base. The gravelled road is closed due to mud.

More than 100 prospective TCA passengers are still waiting for flights here, although about 140 more left during the week-end by train and boat. Gander, used more as a stop-over, has no waiting list.

Coastal boat services have not been disrupted by the fog, although ice conditions are beginning to worry the operators.

The fog, accompanied by warm air, has removed all the frost from the ground, and road conditions continue to get worse. Some roads are already impassable and at least two bus schedules near St. John's have been disrupted.

No serious traffic accidents have been reported here since the fog settled, but motorists using lights day and night are practically creeping through the city.

Impressive Funeral Ceremonies At Souris For Msgr. St. John

On Sunday afternoon the remains of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard R. St. John were transferred from the home of his mother, Mrs. Patrick St. John, Souris, to St. Mary's Church where they were received by the Pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. A. Murphy assisted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Keed, Rev. Wilfred Keefe and Rev. Edwin B. Steele. Preceded by a Guard of Honor from the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus the body was placed in the Sanctuary to lie in state until Monday morning. Members of the Guard of Honor were Sir Knights, Peter A. MacPhee, Alex T. MacDonald, M. J. McQuaid and Arthur J. Peters. Following short prayers the "Libera" and "Miserere Mei" were sung by the church choir under the direction of Sister St. George of St. Mary's Convent, Souris.

On Sunday evening the Rosary was recited and Vespers for the Dead were read by two groups of the clergy. Members of the Knights of Columbus of Souris

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Crowd Boos Band Blocking View of Queen

MELBOURNE, Australia, (CP)—An angry section of a crowd of 20,000 clamoring to see Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh here booted and demonstrated against a bagpipe band and mounted police Monday.

The royal couple were on their way to Melbourne's Princess Theatre to see the Australian National Theatre Movement present Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffmann."

The excited crowd broke through police barriers to struggle for vantage points.

Mounted police rode on to the sidewalk to shepherd the crowd back. They were booed by frenzied Melbourneans, who also hooted and shouted at a bagpipe band they considered stood in their way.

A dock strike here delayed the loading of meat in the royal liner Gothic. The strike tied up 42 ships in protest against the suspension of 19 longshoremen. But the men working on the Gothic struck for only 30 minutes before union chiefs ordered them back.

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Canned Poultry Import Totals

OTTAWA, March 1—(Special)—While other provinces purchased canned poultry and game imported from the United States in 1953, no imports of these commodities reached Prince Edward Island.

This was the reply given today by the department of trade and commerce to a question asked by J. Angus MacLean, Conservative member for Queens. Value of canned U.S. poultry and game imported into Canada last year was \$280,830. Of this total \$78 was imported into Nova Scotia and \$309 to New Brunswick.

Mr. MacLean is awaiting replies to other questions he has asked the government with respect to U.S. poultry products. He asks: "Has the department of National Health and Welfare in the administration of the Food and Drugs Act, examined canned chicken imported from the United States into the Maritime Provinces during the last four months?"

"If so, was such canned chicken found to comply with the regulation of the Food and Drug Act, and if not, in what way did it not conform, and what action has been taken to prevent recurrence?"

"Has the attention of the Department of Agriculture been directed to the alleged importing into the Maritime Provinces of American canned chicken which, if it were a Canadian product, would not conform to the regulations set out under the Agricultural Products Marketing Act, relating to container size and type of label?"

"Has any action been taken to require imported canned chicken and other agricultural products to be of the same standard as similar products produced in Canada?"

Ocean Ships Unaffected

With foghorns perpetually blaring several ocean-going ships have come and gone since the fog moved in.

Heavy ice off the north and north-east coast of the island may develop into more of a menace to the outports than the fog. Slob ice, held ice and icebergs, have drifted down from the Arctic, wedging against Newfoundland's northern shores.

Mr. Justice Parlee Of Alberta Dies

EDMONTON, (CP)—Mr. Justice Harold Hayward Parlee of the appellate division of the Alberta Supreme Court died in hospital here Sunday after a brief illness. He was 76.

A native of Sussex, N. B., Mr. Justice Parlee received his early education at the Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., and studied law at Dalhousie University in Halifax and at the Saint John Law School. In 1901 he was admitted to the New Brunswick bar.

The following year, the jurist came to Edmonton and was admitted to the bar of the Northwest Territories. He was named a King's Counsellor in 1913. In 1945 he received honorary degrees of doctor of civil law from Mount Allison and the University of Alberta.

He was appointed to the trial division of the Alberta Supreme Court in 1944 and the next year was named to the appellate division.

Survivors include a son, James C. Parlee, of Copper Cliff, Ont., and a sister, Mrs. Augusta Robinson of Moncton, N. B.

Funeral services will be held here Tuesday.

Greek Town Has "Ottawa Square"

OTTAWA, (CP)—The council of Giri, a small town in the Greek islands of Zakynthos, has named the town square "Ottawa square" in appreciation for the large shipment of clothing sent from Canada, it was announced Monday.

Seven tons of clothing and shoes were collected in the Ottawa district in a campaign carried out by Aurora Lodge No. 53 of the Knights of Pythias and sent to Greece about three months ago.

The town council named one of the main streets leading to the square Aurora road and another Pythias road.

World Markets For Wheat From Canada Shrinking

OTTAWA, (CP)—World markets for Canadian wheat continue to shrink despite the government's drive to boost sales.

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Experts here believe India must take deliveries at the floor price. But they doubted the price, currently \$1.79 (Canadian funds) a bushel for No. 1 northern at the Lakehead, would fall to the floor.

Sports Cancelled

A polo scare, which threatens to disrupt the progress of the tour, developed further Monday.

In Canberra, the federal capital, visited by the Queen 10 days ago, two suspected polo cases were admitted to hospital. Sporting events and children's activities were cancelled or restricted.

In Perth, Western Australia, the royal tour schools committee is to meet today to consider changing plans for a review of schoolchildren by the Queen on April 1.

The polo toll in Western Australia now has reached 25 and thousands of people in the state on Australia's Labor Day stayed at home, leaving usually crowded beaches and swimming pools almost vacant. Perth's polo victims included Mrs. Kim Beadley, wife of a member of the federal Parliament, who shook hands with the Queen in Canberra.

The Queen and the Duke both have been injected with gamma globulin to strengthen their resistance to the disease.

Baby Sale Control

TORONTO, (CP)—Legislation that would impose penalties for black marketing in babies, is to be introduced in the Ontario legislature today.

Welfare Minister Goodfellow said Monday the proposal is contained in an act consolidating the Children's Protection Act, the Adoption Act and the Children of Unmarried Parents Act.

Member of Ont. Legislature Dies

TORONTO, (CP)—William Bruce Harvey, 47-year-old Progressive Conservative member for Ontario Legislature for Nipissing who once worked as a fireman on the Ontario Northland Railway and later became its vice-president, died Monday.

Premier Frost, paying tribute, said Mr. Harvey was the "embodiment of the pioneers of the north."

Born in Scotland he came to Canada 40 years ago and worked as a railroad fireman and commercial traveller before starting up his own business in 1942. He was appointed vice-chairman of the ONR in 1949 and held that post at his death.

Senate Committee May Probe Traffic Accidents

OTTAWA, (CP)—A special Senate committee may investigate Canada's mounting automobile accident rate and recommend measures to solve the problem.

H. R. Chauncey of Calgary, president of the Canadian Automobile Association, Monday forecast establishment of the committee after interviews with Acting Prime Minister Howe and Hon. W. Ross Macdonald, government leader in the Senate.

The association submitted a resolution to Mr. Howe and Mr. Macdonald urging them to enlist the best minds possible to act as a committee of national safety to study the "dreadful accident rate and recommend a national remedy."

"Both Mr. Howe and Mr. Macdonald are in sympathy with the purposes of our resolution," Mr. Chauncey said.

Senate officials said any Senate investigation would be conducted on the understanding that traffic on roads and highways falls under provincial jurisdiction. However, the committee's study and its recommendations probably would help the provinces which were interested in taking steps to cut the toll of accidents, injuries and deaths caused by automobile accidents.

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Meanwhile a municipal council delegate has been sent to Fredericton to try to get the bus company's taxes reduced, thereby freeing more money for wages.

The strike has left greater Saint John with no system of mass transportation since February 19.

Coming Events

Variety Concert, Millview Hall, March 8th, sponsored by Vernon River Institute, Curtain 8 o'clock.

Share In Out

Of the total 421,156,000 bushel IWA quota, 163,331,000 was to come from Canada and 257,825,000 from the U.S. Together India and Italy were to take 68,000,000 bushels. Elimination of these two markets would cut the total 1954-55 IWA exportable quota to about 353,000.

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Regional forecasts: Fog patches, with intermittent rain in afternoon and evening; extremely mild; east winds 15 increasing by noon to east 25; low-high at Fredericton and Saint John 33 and 45, Edmundston 33 and 40.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, Bay of Chaleur: Intermittent drizzle and fog patches; extremely mild; east winds 15 increasing in afternoon to east 25; low-high at Charlottetown, Moncton and Campbellton 33 and 45.

Bay of Fundy: Southeast winds 30; intermittent drizzle and rain; visibility 10 miles lowering in fog and drizzle to one-half mile; very mild.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:04 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:50 a.m. and sets at 6:01 p.m.