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FOUR LOSE LIVES IN MONTREAL'S CHINATOWN FIRE

Flying Curlers To Leave For Vancouver Today

Conservative Members Move For House Adjournment To Discuss Fishermen's Loan Deals In 1947

Ask For Study Of Liquor Question

FREDERICTON, March 2 — (CP) — The New Brunswick Temperance Federation today asked for a Federal royal commission to probe the liquor question in Canada.

A four-man delegation, headed by Rev. Abner Langley, Saint John, asked the New Brunswick Government to request Ottawa to set up the commission, including representatives of the judiciary, business, agriculture, church and medicine.

Other members of the delegation were Rev. Charles Anderson, Saint John, Rev. Munro Armstrong, Sussex, and Rev. Dr. W. H. Elgee, Fredericton.

March Brings Stormy Weather

CHICAGO, March 2 — (CP) — March brought sub-zero cold today in the Midwest United States, a blizzard in the east, and freezing weather to the south.

The mercury skidded to 30 below zero in Northern Minnesota. Icy blasts stung Americans from the Mississippi River valley to the Atlantic Ocean. Freezing weather dipped down into Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga.

A blizzard hit Central New York state, closing at least 50 rural schools.

But forecasters said a shift to southerly winds would start temperatures climbing throughout most of the Midwest Friday.

History-Making Flight Takes Off This Morning

A Maritime Central Airways plane — a DC 3 — with 26 passengers and three crew members will take off this morning at 8 a. m. for Vancouver, British Columbia, on a history-making flight. It will return on March 17th.

The flight, organized by J. Finley MacLeod, secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Flying Curlers Club, was months in planning, and promoted in connection with the Dominion Curling Championships to be held in the Pacific Coast city.

There will be twelve Prince Edward Islanders including the three crew members, thirteen New Brunswick curlers and four Nova Scotians in the party. The crew members include Capt. Carl Burke, managing director of M.C.A., and Capt. Ed Blair and Miss Gladys Potter, stewardess.

The two lady passenger members of the party are Miss Jean MacFadyen and Mrs. (Dr.) J. Claude Simpson, both of Summerside.

Ontario Woman Was 102 Yesterday

NEWARK, Ont., March 2 — (CP) — Mrs. James Sutherland who, as an eight-year-old, was a passenger on one of the first steamships to cross the Atlantic, is 102 today.

Mrs. Sutherland, a native of Inverness, Scotland, has lived in this town 26 miles north of Toronto since she was 16. She was up early today to greet birthday guests. Every male caller was offered one of a stock of cigars she keeps for guests.

Heroic Rescue Work; Damage Said \$500,000

MONTREAL, March 2 — (CP) — Four persons lost their lives today when an early-morning fire raged through a block of Montreal's ancient Chinatown.

More than a score others were injured, some in league and falls in a frenzied attempt to escape from crowded upper-storey apartments.

Early tonight firemen and police were still trying to determine whether more bodies are in the ice-coated ruins. At least one man was said to be missing and there were reports that others may have been trapped.

Search for other bodies became a precarious affair. Firemen worked slowly, with an eye to shaky walls that threatened to tumble upon them.

An emergency Red Cross station was busy checking lists of injured and trying to account for all persons believed to have been in the fire-swept buildings.

One of these killed was 66-year-old Ling Sue, who flung himself from a third-storey window, his clothing ablaze.

The bodies of the three other victims were not recovered until six hours later.

Growers Association Votes For Reorganization After Long & Heated Discussion

A recommendation that immediate steps be taken by the incoming Board of Directors to reorganize the Potato Growers Association under the P.E.I. Co-op Societies Act was passed by a split vote at the 30th and perhaps the most heated annual meeting in the Association's history. The meeting was held at the Legion Hall yesterday afternoon and evening.

The resolution was presented by Mr. R. E. Connolly, Durastaffing after hours of argument which began early in the afternoon on the question of membership and continued over into the method in which the long-standing organization should be reorganized.

Charges were laid by Mr. Connolly that the directors of the Association had not carried out the wishes of the annual meeting last year with regard to a re-organization resolution agreed upon, and he demanded seven times that the directors carry out the motion passed yesterday.

Text of Resolution

The resolution in full stated that "since the P.E.I. Potato Growers Association has ceased to be a co-operative organization in the sense that it does not serve the potato producers right across this province and whereas the membership of this association is indefinite and whereas the business operations of the organization could serve the potato producers of this province more efficiently were it operating under legislation designed to provide proper control by the farmers and adequate supervision therefore be it resolved that this annual meeting recommend to the incoming Board of Directors to take steps immediately to reorganize this Potato Growers Association under the Co-op Societies Act of P.E.I."

"Be it further resolved, that consideration be given during this re-organization process to the setting up of a Province wide Potato Growers Association that would be adequate for promotional work of the potato industry and would provide for representation from all growers in the Province for the appointment of representatives for producer controlled marketing boards now being promoted by the potato growers on the island and in the other Maritime

Little Girl Dies As Firemen Rescue Doll

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 2 — A two-year-old girl suffocated in a fire here today as a smoke-blinded fireman carried her large baby doll to safety by mistake.

Carolyn Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thompson, was alone in her parents' upstairs apartment when the blaze broke out.

Bob Coley was one of the first firemen on the scene. He dashed upstairs to a west bedroom where he had been told the baby was sleeping. He failed to find her and returned to get a gasp of air.

"Mrs. Thompson screamed to me that the baby was in another bedroom," Coley said.

"I crawled on the floor to the bed. I couldn't see a thing because of the smoke but I felt something wrapped in a blanket. When I pulled it off the bed, it cried, just like a baby."

"When I got outside I saw it was just a doll—a big baby doll the size of a child."

Coley made a third attempt and found the little girl, her face reddened and smudged by flame and smoke. Hospital attendants said she died of suffocation.

U. S. Miners Found Not Guilty; Seizure By Gov't May Come Next

WASHINGTON, March 2 — (AP) — The United Mine Workers today were cleared of contempt of court, and talk increased of Government seizure to get 372,000 American soft-coal miners back on the job.

Judge Richmond B. Keach ruled the union innocent of both criminal and civil contempt. He said the government had failed to prove its charges that the union disregarded Keach's own back-to-work order issued Feb. 11.

These were today's developments in the contract dispute.

1. Miner-operator negotiations lasted less than two hours. They'll try again tomorrow.

2. Senator Wayne Morse (Rep., Ore.) said he has a bill ready which would authorize the government to seize the mines for 60 days. This would make the miners employees of the government and would be designed to send them back to work.

3. Congressional leaders said that President Truman has been asked to make an urgent public appeal for an end to the strike. It now is in its third week of total stoppage.

The coal crisis meanwhile grew worse across the whole country. The state of Pennsylvania proclaimed "a serious public emergency."

But idle miners found some cause for rejoicing in the Federal court decision, believing it will speed the end of their walk-out.

Governor James H. Duff said Pennsylvania "faces a crisis of disastrous proportions due to the prolonged strike."

He urged Federal officials to "take effective measures" to get the diggers back at work.

News that Keach decided against fining the union swept the coal-

Minister Reviews Work In Health And Social Welfare

Payments to deserted wives and assistance to young couples seeking support during the winter months were among the problems his department was dealing with at the present time, stated Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare in the Legislature yesterday.

Speaking on the Draft Address, the Minister said 491 applications under the Mothers Allowance Act had been received to the end of last month. 381 of these cases had been investigated, and 140 had been approved. Payments in 101 cases made to widows, 16 to deserted wives, 23 to wives of disabled husbands. The section of the Act referring to deserted wives was the one under which most difficulty had been experienced.

"In many cases of 'deserted wives' it is just a mutual agreement between the couple to disagree," Mr. Matheson said. "Then the wife comes to the Government

At First Opportunity

Mr. Matheson quoted from the rules of the House of Commons in support of the procedure he was following. Last year, he said, the Opposition could not raise this issue in the Legislature, as criminal charges had been laid against an individual in connection with fishermen's loans, and the case was before the court. The matter has been brought up now at the very first opportunity afforded.

"In effect," he said, "what we ask for is that a Commission be appointed by this House to inquire into the whole transaction insofar as it reflects upon the honour and integrity of members and of the Legislature itself."

Under Parliamentary rules as set forth by Bourinot and Beauchesne, it was for the Speaker to decide whether the motion was in order. Mr. Speaker: "I would like to give a ruling."

Hon. A. W. Matheson said the only question was one of urgency.

Communists Are Opposed to Coca Cola

PARIS, March 2 — (AP) — Communist efforts to bar Coca Cola in France were spiked today.

Two days ago the National Assembly passed a bill giving health Minister Pierre Schreiner authority to ban any "harmful" drinks made out of vegetable extracts. The bill was aimed at Coca Cola, but it did not specify it by name.

The bill had the support of French wine growers and the Communists, but the latter failed to get an amendment passed which would have specifically put Coca Cola on the blacklist.

(Communists in many parts of Europe seem to regard Coca Cola as a symbol of American capitalist imperialism, and frequently pass such remarks as "coca-colonization.")

Expect Climb In Land Values To Level Off Soon

OTTAWA, March 2 — (CP) — The climb in the value of Canadian land soon may be leveling off.

This was predicted today by the Bureau of Statistics in a survey of 1940 land values on Canadian farms.

The average value per acre amounted to \$40, an increase of \$1 from 1946, smallest climb in five years.

However, the 1946 average value per acre was \$10 greater than in 1945, when the big climb began.

The 1946 average of \$40 compares with the 1935-39 average of \$34.

Lowest since 1945, the current rate of increase, said the Bureau, "may indicate the approach of a post-war levelling off of land values in most provinces."

The \$1-per-acre increase in 1949 reflected rural real estate booms in all provinces, except Quebec and Saskatchewan. Data for Newfoundland was not included.

Average values for Maritime Provinces with 1946 averages in brackets:

Prince Edward Island, \$32 (\$51); Nova Scotia, \$40 (\$48); New Brunswick, \$45 (\$46).

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HAMILTON, March 2 — (CP) — Police today tentatively identified the second of two victims of yesterday's boxcar fire as Vi Cook, 27, of Oakville, Ont. The other, police said last night, was C. H. Landrey, about 30, who moved to Toronto recently from a village near Hamilton.

The two died when trapped in the blazing boxcar after climbing atop stacked bales of crude rubber. When firemen opened the car the dismembered bodies were burned almost beyond recognition.

Police quoted a taxicab driver as saying he took a couple answering the description of Landrey and Miss Cook to nearby Van Wagner's Beach Wednesday morning. It is thought the couple may have entered the car on its siding at the Firestone rubber plant to escape from the cold.

Miss Cook, believed to have relatives in Oakville, was missing since Wednesday.

Coroner W. T. S. Connell said no decision had been made regarding an inquest.

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The door is still open here for any moves from abroad to end the cold war, he said, and he has no objection to efforts by Senator Brian McMahon (Dem. Conn.) or anyone to try to get results through the medium of the United Nations. He told his regular Thursday press conference:

1. The security of the United States has never been better in peacetime, and there is not a word of truth in claims that it has been weakened by curtailment of defence spending.

2. No one but the President has made a concrete effort to get at the bottom of the security problem arising from Communist activities in the United States. He repeated he would co-operate with the Senate in its loyalty investigation,

Eight Members Of Family Die In Dwelling Fire

MONSON, Me., March 2 — (AP) — Eight members of one family died today in a fire that swept their home. Only the critically-burned young mother survived.

The tragedy cost the lives of Edward Smith, 36; his mother, Mrs. Harriet Smith, 68; and Smith's six children—Carolyn, 11; Patricia, 9; Malcolm, 7; Robert, 5; Judy, 3; and Cheryl, 1.

The only survivor was Mrs. Norma Smith, 33. Awakened by her screams, a neighbor found her struggling naked through deep snow toward a road. All her clothing had been burned off.

(Another tragic fire at Konosha, Wis., flamed through a small trailer camp cabin today, wiping

Coming Events

- **Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- **See "Abbott and Costello" along with the western "Prairie Pals" at Bonshaw tonight at 8:30.
- **Exciting game in New Glasgow rink tonight. St. Patrick's vs. St. Mary's. Admission 15c. Game starts 8:00 sharp. Skate after.
- **Reserve Monday, March 20th, for Anton R. Lende's illustrated lecture on Switzerland, "Pattern For Peace" in Hertz Memorial Hall.
- **Hunter River rink tonight, L. M. Pool's Lumber Kings vs. Hunter River Shun-Gains. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.
- **Horse racing at Stanley Bridge, Saturday, March 4th. If no fine, Monday. Four classes expected.
- **Receiving Hogs at Crapaud every Tuesday until noon. List your hogs a day or two in advance. Bert J. Trowdale.
- **Lads of laughs at MacDonald Bros. Theatre, tonight. See Red Skelton in "Southern Yankee" plus Short.
- **Wildfire Hawks versus Hampshire Maple Leafs at Wildfire Rink tonight. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- **Don't miss the thrilling hockey match in North Rustico Rink, Friday, March 3, at 8:30, between Rustico All-Stars and Charlottetown Canada Packers.
- **Hokey in Kelly's Cross Rink Friday, March 3rd. Kelly's Cross Red Wings vs. New Haven Royals. Game starts at 8:30. Skate after. Canteen service.
- **North River Rink, Friday, March 3rd. Second playoff game, semi-final, North River League. Charlottetown Monarchs vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game time 8:30. Skate after. Closed truck leaves Market Square at 9 o'clock.

Legislation Drafted

"This year we plan to introduce some changes in the Children's Act that we hope will provide means whereby deserted wives can have better protection in the Courts than they have been able to get heretofore. And if the wife can prove that she has made every reasonable effort to collect from her husband, then her case will be given a very favorable consideration by the Commission."

Mr. Matheson recalled that the first social assistance given in this Province was in the form of direct relief. "It will surprise the members of the House to learn of the amount of money still being spent on social assistance, and the growing demand on this form of service."

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TORONTO, March 2 — (CP) — Minus and maximum temperatures: Victoria 41 46; Edmonton 10 28; Regina 15b 11; Winnipeg 26b 2; Toronto 4 13; Ottawa 26 1; Montreal 6 8; Quebec 6 4; Saint John 14 26; Moncton 13 23; Halifax 23 29; Charlottetown 19 25; Sydney 30 —; Yarmouth 24 28; St. John's 22 —.

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