



THE FIRST SHIP INTO CHARLOTTETOWN IN 1956 WAS THE TANKER IRVINGLAKE

Two-Car Diesel Train Involved

Heavy Casualties Sunday In Los Angeles Derailment

Reporters Say 20 Dead And Many Injured

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A two-car Santa Fe diesel train en route to San Diego was wrecked Sunday night and newspaper reporters at the scene said they counted 20 dead.

A fire chief told reporters he was sure there were at least 18 dead. The number of injured remained undetermined.

Police first said the first ambulance to reach the scene reported about 88 persons dead but officers said later a more accurate estimate was 88 "casualties."

The crowded train had left for San Diego, 125 miles to the south, five minutes earlier at 5:30 p.m. and was on the southeastern outskirts of Los Angeles, near Washington boulevard and Soto street about four miles from the station.

Survivors said it had been rounding a curve when it turned over on its right side and sprawled across the right-of-way. Observers at the scene said some occupants had been tumbled out of the windows and ground under the train as it scraped on its side for a distance estimated at perhaps 100 yards.

CLERICS ARRIVE

All city ambulances and available private ambulances were dispatched to the site. Clergymen of all faiths were summoned through broadcasts. Hundreds of onlookers quickly jammed the area.

In less than half an hour 36 ambulances were parked bumper-to-bumper near the crash.

Conductor G.P. Spickard said the train suddenly tipped over. "That's all I know," he said. He was in the rear car of the two-unit train.

Engineer Frank B. Parrish of San Bernardino, Calif., said he slowed the train after passing a signal which he apparently blacked out because the next thing he knew the train was tipping over.

Parrish said he has been with the railroad 37 years. He said he began blowing down at the 35-mile marker because there is a sharp curve a short distance beyond.

May Provide Health Plan Foundation

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal and provincial authorities may lay the groundwork for a national plan of health insurance at a conference opening here today.

The discussions, expected to continue most of the week, are an outgrowth of talks begun at last October's general federal-provincial conference. All 10 provinces have stated they will attend.

An agenda approved by the governments following the October sessions calls for discussion on five points: components of a health services program, expected costs, methods of financing, administration, and priorities in developing the various services.

At the October meeting, Prime Minister St. Laurent said the Federal Government would be justified in participating in a plan involving a majority of provinces representing a majority of the people of Canada.

So far, Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan are known to be anxious for federal-provincial plan. They represent a majority of the population, but not of the Provincial Governments.

The Federal Government has not stated how far it is prepared to go in providing support for a plan. However, some officials have indicated it would be willing to bear up to 50 per cent of the cost within certain limits.

Minto Barracks, Winnipeg Landmark Guttled By Fire

WINNIPEG (CP)—A roaring fire ate the heart out of Minto Barracks, one of Winnipeg's landmarks, and took the life of a fire department official Sunday.

Firemen rescued an elderly caretaker and his wife trapped on the roof of the 43-year-old building for more than 30 minutes, in 22-below-zero weather, dressed only in their night clothes. Their cries went unheeded until they were spotted by a passing police cruiser.

Army officials said a board of inquiry, composed of Col. T.M. Houghton, garrison commander at Camp Shilo and three officers from engineers, ordnance and artillery units, has been set up.

The building, located in west-end Winnipeg, cost \$400,000 to build in 1913. The army estimated it would cost \$500,000 to put the barracks back in operation. Loss of furniture and office equipment was estimated at \$100,000.

The fire broke out on the sergeants' mess located on the second floor in the southwest corner of the brick building.

Caretaker Robert Mainer and his wife were asleep in their six-room apartment located in the turret in the northwest corner.

Mr. Mainer said he awoke around six a.m. and smelled smoke. He awakened his wife, who left leg has been lame due to an illness, assisted her up four steps and through an exit on the roof where they stood shouting for more than 30 minutes in the sub-zero cold in an attempt to awaken someone in the neighborhood.

Three Killed In Collision

ST. JOHNS, Que. (CP)—Three persons were killed and three young children seriously injured Sunday when two automobiles collided head-on at nearby St. Edouard de Napierville, some 25 miles southwest of Montreal.

Police said Gerald Adler, 35, his wife, Esther, 31, and 36-year-old Roger Labaree, all met instant death. All were from Montreal.

The Adlers' three young children Norman, 9, Sandra, 8, and a five-year-old boy who was too small to give his first name, were taken to hospital.

Possible Oil Scarcity Prevented By Two Tankers

Under the command of Captain Lorne McDonald the 3600 ton Irving Oil Company tanker Irvinglake, nosed into her berth at the Railway Wharf at 10:30 Saturday morning the first ship to arrive in Charlottetown in 1956.

The ship which had left Halifax at ten o'clock Thursday morning was delayed several hours by the heavy fogs which were encountered after passing Cape North. Captain McDonald reported that at no time did they encounter ice, although at times the temperature indicated that ice was not too far distant.

The discharging of her cargo, consisting of 500,000 gallons of fuel oil and 350,000 gallons of stove oil was completed soon after midnight Saturday. The tanker sailed on the return trip to Halifax via the Strait of Canso at three a.m. Sunday. At Halifax she will take on a second cargo for this port, consisting mainly of fuel oil.

SECOND SHIP

The second ship to arrive was the 3,600 ton tanker Sprucebranch.

15 Homeless In Saint John Fire

SANT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Fifteen persons were left homeless when fire swept through two-story frame house in adjacent Landcaster Sunday. No one was injured but two families lost their belongings.

The house is a total loss.

The ground floor was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Boulet and their five children. Occupants of the upper flat were Mr. and Mrs. T. Gray and eight children.

The blaze apparently started from a kitchen fire.

Poles Wobbling Greenland Ice Cap Melting

LONDON, (Reuters)—The North and South Poles are wobbling around, Greenland ice is melting and even the length of a day is changing.

And British astronomers are very worried about it all. They met here Friday to try to explain what is going wrong with the earth.

Thomas Goll, of the Royal Observatory, said the length of a day has been changed by the sinking of mountains or even of whole continents into the substratum of the earth. Movements of a few millimetres would account for the alterations, which amount to perhaps one thousandth of a second a year.

About that slight wobble of the North and South Poles, he said the movement of surface material could move the poles through considerable distances.

The only thing that conferred some degree of stability on the earth, he said was the fact that it was not quite spherical—there was a bulge at the Equator.

Fortunately, the bulge possessed a natural tendency to correct any wanderings by either pole.

Greenland ice, he said, is melting steadily at a rate sufficient to account for the movement of the North Pole through a tenth of a second in the direction of Newfoundland.

Not Likely Island Growers Will Use Diversion Program

It is not likely that Prince Edward Island potato growers will make any use of the starch diversion program which the Agricultural Prieves Support Board has recently authorized for the benefit of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island growers. The diversion program calls for the assurance to the grower of one dollar per bushel (165 lbs.). This was the opinion expressed last night by Mr. Elric Campbell, manager of the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board.

Mr. Campbell points out that no growers will use the program so long as the price remains above 4 cents per bushel which is what the proposal amounts to. Both New Brunswick and Island growers are at present receiving considerably more than this figure for their potatoes, about 60 cents per bushel, and would not find it profitable to divert any of their supplies from existing markets.

Due to lack of storage facilities at Island starch factories, potatoes cannot be handled until all risk of frost has passed. Since the support program ends on the first of May, it is not probable that Island farmers will see fit to use it. Mr. Campbell stated, however, if the program should go below what could be realized through the starch program, and providing weather conditions permit, Island growers might find it convenient to divert their holdings to starch.

Mayor And Six Councillors To Seek Reelection

When the City Council meets this Thursday for the annual meeting it will be the last time that the present administration will come together.

Mayor J. David Stewart who is completing two and a half terms in office will seek re-election on February 3.

It is expected that nomination day, February 1, will see six of the present councillors in the running. They are E.C. Johnstone, chairman of finance; Elmer Macdonald, lights and public property; P. McCormac, streets; A.W. Gaudet, fire and market; Arthur Gormley, police; Arthur Wright, tenders.

F. G. Hutchison will not nominate for councillor.

Rabbit Hunter Missing In Woods

SHELBURNE, N. S. (CP)—Two hundred men will enter the woods at Upper Clyde River, 15 miles north of here, today to search for rabbit hunter Benjamin Brown, missing since Friday.

Brown, a resident of Stony Island near Nova Scotia's southwestern tip, began hunting with five companions Friday morning in northern Shelburne county. The party separated to meet later for lunch but Brown did not appear.

A search party of 60 began hunting for him Friday afternoon. The number grew to 100 Saturday and to nearly 200 Sunday.

An RCMP police dog picked up a track Sunday. It led searchers to Hemlock creek, a tributary of the Clyde river. They will search the banks of the creek today.

Bombay Riots

BOMBAY (AP)—Violence in Bombay over language frontiers apparently burned itself out Sunday after six days of riots in which the death toll, counted by police at 56, may run to 300 or 400.

Comparatively small flareups occurred Sunday in Cuttack, capital of east coast Orissa state, where police charged mobs with tear gas and clubs and three times opened fire. No casualty figures were available there.

Arms Shipment Debate Takes Over Spotlight In Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—Everybody expected the Prairie wheat surplus to be the prime issue during the Commons 10-day throne speech debate.

For the first few days after Parliament opened Jan. 10, it was. But it was overshadowed last week by a question thrown up by the CCF: Canadian arms shipments to the Middle East.

And the subject is far from exhausted yet. Monday or Tuesday, External Affairs Minister Pearson is scheduled to outline the government's policy on arms shipments in preparation for a full-dress debate late this week or next week.

The debate will actually be on foreign affairs but the question of shipments of military supplies is expected to loom large in it, especially in view of the taut situation in the Middle East.

Sealer Fast In Antarctic Ice

LONDON (CP)—The Canadian sealer Theron, participating in the British Antarctic expedition, is fighting to shake off the grip of grinding ice which has been holding the 820-ton craft in the desolate Weddell sea for three weeks.

Messages received by the Admiralty here Saturday said the Royal Navy net layer Protector had fought her way through the floating ice around Graham land peninsula in some of the most dangerous water in the world and had entered the Weddell sea in an effort to go to the Theron's assistance. But at last reports the Protector was still 700 miles from the half-iced Theron.

Reuters News Agency reported the Theron now has found a possible escape route and has about 300 miles to go.

U.S. And China Deadlocked In Negotiations At Geneva

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and Red China have reached a complete deadlock in their negotiations at Geneva over lifting the dangers of war from Formosa.

That is made clear in a set of six documents and a statement on American-Red Chinese talks released by the state department Saturday.

The statement, blaming the Red Chinese for the breakdown, showed that the differences between the two countries are essentially over possession of the Nationalist-held island, and not primarily over the question of renouncing the use of force.

Because of this, the prospects of breaking the deadlock appear slim.

State department officials said, however, that they believe war over Formosa can be avoided and started only if the Chinese are willing to renounce the use of force.

At the same time the United States provided another firm indication that it is in the Formosa area to stay.

FORMOSA EXCLUDED

The statement made these principal points:

1. The Communists have said in the Geneva talks they are willing to renounce the use of force or force but they refuse to apply that to Formosa on the ground that

Report Plot In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters)—Former cabinet minister Gen. Juan Jose Uranga and a number of other civil and military leaders have been arrested after an alleged plot to stage a coup, sources close to the government said Sunday.

Uranga has been detained at least twice before since the fall of Gen. Eduardo Lonardi in whose government he was transport minister. Lonardi was deposed because of his tolerant attitude towards adherents of ex-president Juan Peron whom he ousted last September.

A machine-gun emplacement guarded government house, the army ministry and other strategic points Saturday night.

Uranga was arrested after he tried to persuade a military garrison in greater Buenos Aires to rebel. The government sources said.

Goose Bay Has Big Snow Storm

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—U.S. Northeast Air Command said Sunday the 5,000 RCAF, USAF and civilian personnel at Goose Bay air base in Labrador are still digging out after the worst snow storm in the history of the base.

Thirty-six inches of snow fell between Jan. 13 and 19.

The January total to date is 58 inches and the season total 125 inches. The previous record of 56 inches for the full month of January was set in 1952.

Winds gusting up to 35 miles an hour piled drifts 15 feet high across Goose Bay's 10,000-foot runways. An emergency runway was kept open but only one plane arrived during the storm. Essential roads were kept clear.

NEAC said no one was injured and damage was kept to a minimum by prompt corrective action. A 7,500-square-foot section of warehouse collapsed under a snow load of 52 pounds per square foot. Two hangars also were damaged.

CELEBRATES 105TH BIRTHDAY

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Mrs. Leonora Adeline Vanuieu, 105 years old today, says she thinks she is the oldest woman in Ontario and perhaps in Canada.

Longevity runs in the family. Mrs. Vanuieu's great grandmother lived until she was 100. Her grandfather died at 103 and her sister lived to 102.

Anticipate Refrigerator Car Situation Will Be Eased Down

Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources, in whose Department Transportation matters are handled, has received a telegram from Donald Gordon, President, Canadian National Railways, in connection with the Refrigerator Car situation reading as follows:—"Appreciate your recognition conditions beyond Railway control. Everything possible will be done to meet your requirements currently."

This message was in reply to one sent earlier in the week by the Minister to Mr. Gordon in which Mr. MacKinnon said:—"Refrigerator car situation here critical and we hope some relief soon may be in sight. We understand present general transportation difficulties in Atlantic Region but would appreciate if refrigerator cars could be given some priority."

For some time shippers have been bringing to the attention of his Department their serious difficulties in getting refrigerator cars for shipment of potatoes and turnips. In the past ten days Department officials have been in touch with railway departmental heads at both Moncton and Montreal as well as locally.

It had been hoped last Thursday afternoon to get together with the local Superintendent but as that was impossible Mr. MacKinnon took the matter up direct with Mr. Gordon.

Mr. MacKinnon feels that the local Railway operators have done a really excellent job during the period when all communications were down not only all over N.B. but also between Cape Tormentine and Sackville. He has received information from Moncton railway authorities that they hope by Tuesday or Wednesday of this week to be able to give some relief to shippers.

42-Inch Snowfall At Lakehead

PORT ARTHUR, (CP)—It finally stopped snowing at the Lakehead Saturday, after more than 42 inches of snow had fallen in four days.

The snowfall started Thursday, shrouding streets and homes, blocking roads and snarling traffic.

The Lake Superior ski zone championship meet scheduled for the weekend was called off because of an overabundance of snow.

Air traffic was back to normal today and trains were running on schedule. Roads were gradually being cleared.

Mr. Justice Estey Of Supreme Court Of Canada Dies At 66

OTTAWA (CP)—Mr. Justice James Wilfred Estey of the Supreme Court of Canada died Sunday in hospital, following a two-month illness. He was 66.

Mr. Justice Estey, former Saskatchewan attorney-general and education minister, entered hospital with a fatal malignancy Nov. 23. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in October, 1944.

The white-haired, soft-spoken judge, a native of Keswick Bridge, N. B., near Fredericton, was known as one of the friendliest and most approachable members of the Supreme court. His death causes the only vacancy on the nine-judge court.

In his 11 years on the bench—a period marked by great changes for the court—Mr. Justice Estey became known to all who knew him as "a kind man."

In Ottawa, he made hundreds of friends. He liked most sports and often discussed the latest scores with messengers and elevator operators in the Supreme Court building. A student of baseball, his favorite team—the Boston Red Sox—could do no wrong.

He also followed hockey and football closely and played golf and curried.

In Ottawa, he was a prominent member of the Fourth Avenue Baptist church, sitting on the board of trustees. A leading member of the Masonic Order, he held a 33rd degree and was an honorary member-at-large.

Mr. Justice Estey had conferred upon him an honorary doctorate of

Distress Calls As Gale Force Winds Lash European Coast

LONDON, (Reuters)—Gale force winds lashed the rugged coastlines of northern Europe Sunday as distress calls sent tugs and lifeboats scurrying to help British, Italian and Norwegian vessels.

A Danish tanker rescued the crew of the 1,669-ton Glasgow vessel Herringburn which was ablaze in the Kattegat between Denmark and Sweden.

In Germany, two children drowned when a 200-ton motor vessel sank on the Rhine river in a violent storm. The crew of the boat was rescued.

Sixteen crew members of the Norwegian boat Svanholm were taken aboard a Dutch tug Saturday night after they abandoned their ship as she listed heavily. The boat's deck cargo of timber had shifted.

The 2,179-ton London steamer Baltrover is aground in the river Elbe, with tugs standing by. Late Saturday night a Danish tanker collided in the North sea canal leading to Amsterdam with a French motor ship but both were able to proceed.

An Italian ship the 2,379-ton Marie Pomel, is reported still fast in sand near Port Talbot, Wales, after being driven aground in a gale Saturday night. Her crew stayed aboard and reported she is in no danger.

TRACK DECLARED SAFE

LE MANS, France (Reuters)—The Le Mans auto racing track, where 80 people were killed in a crash last June, has been declared safe for future races. An examining committee, headed by Jean Briancourt, an engineer of the public works ministry, has checked the changes on the circuit and said that they satisfy the new safety regulations.

Post Office Bans Midget Envelopes

OTTAWA (CP)—Envelopes smaller than four inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide will not be accepted for mailing after Feb. 1, the post office department said today.

The new regulation covers the minimum size of envelopes accepted able originally was to come into effect last Oct. 1, but was postponed to allow manufacturers and retailers to get rid of the smaller envelopes in stock, the department said.

There will be no further postponement. After Feb. 1, letters either shorter or thinner, or both than the stipulated minimum size will be returned to the sender if they bear a return address or be sent to the dead letter office.

CIVILIANS PANIC

Another navy man, Gary Stills, of nearby Glenvale, said "there was a lot of panic among the civilians" but none among the military personnel. There were mostly civilians on his car.

Police issued calls for all available doctors to report to the scene and for clergymen of every faith to go there.

TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the public weather office:

	Min.	Max.	Night Day
Vancouver	...	39	46
Victoria	...	41	44
Edmonton	...	4b	12
Regina	...	11b	5
Winnipeg	...	22b	5b
Toronto	...	21	28
Ottawa	...	19	24
Quebec	...	19	22
Fredericton	...	28	31
Saint John	...	28	31
Moncton	...	29	31
Halifax	...	33	37
Charlottetown	...	36	37
Sydney	...	33	33
Yarmouth	...	33	36
St. John's, Nfld.	...	31	36

Order Being Brought Out Of Telephone Chaos After Storm

Seventy per cent of the circuits between Charlottetown and Summerside via Borden have been restored, according to an announcement made last night by D. M. Gass, manager of the P.E.I. Telephone Company.

A steady improvement in the overall picture is bringing order out of chaos throughout the province. Two circuits were established yesterday between the city and Moncton and two others to Saint John. Summerside is also linked up with the mainland by two carrier circuits.

Charlottetown also has a trunk circuit operating to Crapaud near Borden.

Local circuits are in operation in the New London, Kinkora, O'Leary Tyne Valley, Alberton and Tignish areas, but long distance service is not available to those places at present.

"Eleven crews have been concentrated on the western points referred to and after they complete the through circuits, their activities will be confined to the restoration of local services on the western exchanges, many of these having been entirely demolished by the 'sleet storm'." Mr. Gass said. "However," he added, "we are concentrating on having the main lines completely restored to Tignish before the end of this week."

Forecast:

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy with a few snowflurries; little change in temperature; northwest winds 15. Low-high at New Glasgow 30 and 35, Charlottetown 30 and 32, Moncton and Campbellton 28 and 32, Edmundston 20 and 25.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8:30 a.m. and 5:42 p.m. Summerside lides eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 7:45 a.m. and sets at 5:07 p.m.

