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Iran Firm On British Consulates Closing Order

TEHRAN, Iran, Jan. 13 —(AP)—British Ambassador Sir Francis Shepherd made an urgent call at Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's bedside today to urge withdrawal of the order for the closing of nine British consulates—and met a firm refusal.

Mossadegh told Shepherd that Iran's demand for the shutdown of all British consulates in the country by Jan. 21 would stand as long as he is premier. He also refused to intervene for the release of a newly-jailed correspondent of a Reuters News Agency, Ghegham Megerdichian an Iranian.

Iran Saturday demanded the closing of all the British consulates on the ground that they were agitating against the government and interfering in Iranian affairs. The British Embassy refused to accept an earlier note charging interference in Iranian affairs.

An Embassy spokesman said Iran's action was "very grave indeed" and that instructions are being awaited from London.

Megerdichian was arrested by two security police at his home. They took him to a police station, where he was reported undergoing a long grilling on his news sources. He was charged with false reporting and engaging in activities detrimental to the nation. He denied the charges.

Mossadegh told Shepherd the matter was in the hands of the courts and the premier could not interfere. Megerdichian took over the duties of correspondent for the Reuters last month after the expulsion of its regular correspondent, Leopold Herman.

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Death Saturday Of Mrs. Goodwill

The death occurred in the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Saturday, January 12, of Mrs. Goodwill, widow of the late Dr. Victor L. Goodwill, born in Kingston, Ontario, Florence MacNeil Reid, the married Dr. Goodwill of Charlottetown in 1900.

After serving for some time as resident physician of Falconwood Hospital, Dr. and Mrs. Goodwill spent several years overseas during the First World War, returning to Canada, after a short period at Falconwood Dr. Goodwill became a general practitioner in this city. Shortly after this they took up residence at 84 York Lane, which has been her home ever since.

The late Mrs. Goodwill was extremely active in all phases of charitable work, and held many offices in different organizations for social service in Charlottetown. These activities included honorary vice-president of the P. E. I. Division, Canadian Red Cross, an honorary life membership being awarded to her from the

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Gale Slows Search For Missing Crew

VANCOUVER, Jan. 13 —(CP)—A fierce gale bearing a chill cargo of snow and sleet today halted the second successive day the air search for the 45 or 46 mariners missing from the storm-wrecked American freighter Pennsylvania.

Only three vessels could remain in the search area 300 miles west of Vancouver Island's north tip, as hurricane winds of 75 miles an hour churned the ocean into angry whitecapped mountains of water.

At the same time poor visibility blocked the search for two American planes missing over Alaska with seven men aboard.

U. S. Plans New Series Of Super-Carriers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 —(AP)—Secretary Dan Kimball said last night the navy plans to build a series of ten 60,000-ton super-carriers one a year for a decade, and that it hopes some will be driven by atomic power.

He presented this project as part of a picture of how United States naval power has expanded since the start of the Korean war and how it will grow in the future if the Russian menace continues.

Prototype of the new family of carriers—bigger by about 15,000 tons than any now afloat—will be the U. S. Forrestal, under contract for building at Newport News, Va. The Forrestal will be an entirely new type carrier, a true "flat-top". The usual island superstructure will be retractable to allow use of the full width of the flight deck.

13 Men Seen Possible Presidential Nominees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 —(AP)—The United States presidential election is still 11 months away but already at least 13 men have been mentioned as possible candidates for Republican and Democratic parties.

The Republicans have the smaller number of outstanding possibilities, chiefly because the contest for the nomination has solidified by the statements of several men that they are in the race.

At least eight names, headed by President Truman, make up the Democratic list of possibilities. However, the prominent possibilities won't emerge until Truman indicates whether or not he will stand for nomination.

Blaze Breaks Out Early Sunday Morning

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 13 —(CP)—Two paratroopers and one R. C. A. F. civilian employee died early today when fire swept through the airman's lounge at No. 5 Air Force Supply Depot here.

Dead are: Pte. Frank Milson, Chatham, N. B.; Pte. H. A. Barkhouse, Sheet Harbor, N. S.; and Edward Simpson, Springhill, N. S.

Dr. P. Atkinson, county coroner, adjourned an inquest after the jury viewed the bodies. He ordered an autopsy. It was believed the men died from suffocation since the bodies were not burned.

The blaze was discovered about 4 a. m. by air force firemen and the Moncton Fire Department was called in immediately to help. Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

An R. C. A. F. court of inquiry will open tomorrow. Members of the court, named by Air Force Headquarters, left Ottawa by plane this afternoon and were expected to arrive in Moncton late tonight.

Wing Cmdr. E. C. Beaton, commanding officer of the station, said tonight the cause of the fire had not been determined. He declined to give any details, stating that no information would be released until the court of inquiry had completed its probe.

The two soldiers were stationed in Moncton, one on course at the Vocational Training Centre, and the other with the Royal Canadian Air Service Corps, which provides supplies for the depot.

Discovery of the bodies was not made until after firemen had succeeded in checking the flames. Dense clouds of smoke filled the lounge when firemen arrived on the scene. Had it been known that the men were in the building it might have been possible to rescue them, firemen said.

"Y" Building At Sydney Damaged

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 13 —(CP)—Fire broke out in the 12-year-old Y.M.C.A. building here tonight and did damage unofficially estimated at \$30,000 before being brought under control.

The brick building on Charlotte Street, the main drag, was this steel city's main community centre. Water damage was heavy to the gymnasium and bowling alleys.

The gymnasium had been used by the congregation of First United Church since its regular building was destroyed by fire some time ago. The sprinkler system went off while some of the congregation was in the building. It was believed the blaze started from a short circuit.

LONDON, Jan. 14 —(Monday)—(Reuters)—The London press today kept scenting a royal romance in the air, but Buckingham Palace, as usual, kept mum when asked whether Princess Margaret would marry the Earl of Dalkeith, 28.

EDMONTON, Jan. 13 —(CP)—A scheme to tunnel the Far North's uranium and other mineral wealth through Edmonton was disclosed Saturday. It would involve construction of a 300-mile railway to the Alberta capital from the southern shore of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories.

actively until he gets the nomination. The nomination meeting promises to be an all-out fight because Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio and his supporters are confident he will beat Eisenhower out.

In addition, Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, Gov. Earl Warren of California and Gen. Douglas MacArthur are still in the running.

In the still-clouded Democratic race, there has been considerable speculation about whether Truman will run or not. Some reports have been that, if he decides not to run, he will stump for Chief Justice Fred Vinson of the Supreme Court as his successor.

King's County Board Of Trade To Hold Protest Meeting Re Proposed Mail Change-Back

A telegram is being forwarded today by the King's County Board of Trade to Hon. Edouard Rinfret, Postmaster General, Ottawa, urging him to hold up the proposed change in the eastern mail truck service until representative bodies have had an opportunity of presenting their views, Mr. R.K. Clements, president of the Board, stated yesterday.

The request is being sent in view of the announcement that the service is to revert back to the old afternoon train delivery on January 15, in accordance with the demand of a delegation headed by Mr. T.J. K'okham, M.P. and Hon. Dougald MacKinnon.

Mr. Clements stated that a special meeting of the King's County Board of Trade is being called early this week to protest the change back and present arguments against it. The Board, he said, together with the Town Council of Montague and business men of the community, had worked incessantly to have the antiquated train mail delivery replaced with a truck service.

Throughout King's, the Board felt, the new service had speeded up mails by some twenty-four hours. Where there were isolated instances of a slowdown, it was simply a matter of readjusting local conditions.

The King's County Board, along with the Eastern King's Board of Trade, had had this matter placed before the Tourgeon Royal Commission on Transportation with the cooperation of all the other Boards of Trade in the Province and had made out a strong case for the mail truck service.

Since the new service was introduced last October, the Board had not been approached to have it rescinded and had no prior knowledge of the delegation which purported to have represented the people of King's County in this matter.

It is understood that the Montague Town Council will also discuss the scrapping of the new service at its regular meeting tonight, and that other business communities in the County are preparing to register their protests.

Britain To Go Ahead With Jet Atom-Bombers Despite Loss Of First

LONDON, Jan. 13 —(CP)—Britain plans to go ahead with mass production of four-engined jet atom-bombers despite yesterday's explosion of the first and only one thus far completed.

The Air Ministry blamed the destruction of the first of the super atom bomb-carrying planes on "accidental fire in one of the engine bays." Five members of the crew bailed out just before the plane crashed in flames near Bournemouth on a test flight.

Aeronautic experts examined the wreckage today while police kept away curious crowds trying to get a look at what was left of the big plane, only recently taken off the secret list.

An Air Ministry announcement said "Fortunately the aircraft had already completed sufficient test flying to show that it fully met air staff requirements and the accident will not, therefore, entail any changes in plans for its production."

The United States is believed planning to build Valentines under licence for the U. S. Air Force. Although performance details of the Valentines are secret, Arthur Henderson, air secretary in the former Labor Government, said it was faster than the 500 miles-an-hour British Canberra bomber, now being built in the U. S. under licence. He said it was also superior in load and range.

Sensational Performance Experts describe the Valiant as a 600 m.p.h. plane, and senior U. S. Air Force men describe its performance as "sensational."

Discussing the Valiant a few days after its first flight last May, Sir John Slessor, marshal of the R. A. F. and chief of air staff, said "These new British heavy bombers, with the atomic weapon, will have a striking force enormously superior to anything we knew six years ago."

Crash investigators are examining closely the plane's jet engines, which were enclosed entirely in the wing—an innovation in jet design. Survivors said first indication of the impending crash were flames shooting from the starboard wing.

No Progress In Truce Talks

MUNSAN, Korea, Jan. 14 —(Monday) (AP) — Communist truce negotiators Sunday attacked an "interference in internal affairs" Allied proposals for voluntary repatriation of prisoners and restrictions on rebuilding military airfields during a Korean armistice.

Churchill Talks At Ottawa May Be Important

By George Kitchin OTTAWA, Jan. 13 —(CP)—The Churchill-St. Laurent talks moved under way here today amid indications that major developments may eventually result from the British Prime Minister's long week-end visit to this capital.

The two leaders met privately at noon for an hour-long chat at Mr. St. Laurent's official residence and later were joined by key members of their cabinet.

The day, the third of the Churchill visit saw these developments: 1. Mr. Churchill is reported to have asked Governor-General Viscount Alexander, his old friend and host during his stay here, to accept a high Commonwealth military post, quite possibly as Britain's defence minister.

2. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arrived from Washington via New York, after important talks with State Secretary Dean Acheson of the United States. Besides meeting the Canadian cabinet with Mr. Churchill, he also is expected to confer privately with External Affairs Minister Pearson.

3. Britain and the United States are reported authoritatively to have reached an agreement in Washington for a further exchange of raw materials, including American steel, Canadian aluminum and Malaya tin.

Crowds gathered to see the 71-year-old Mr. Churchill wherever it was known that he would appear.

Parliament Buildings Saturday to give him a series of rousing cheers as he arrived to place a wreath honoring Canada's dead of two world wars in the Memorial Chamber at the base of the Peace Tower.

Then he went to the Parliamentary Press Gallery to accept an honorary membership and, in a brief acceptance address paid tribute to the press of Canada for its decency and its fair play. The press would help to sustain this

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Says Missing Beauty Seen West of Miami

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 13 —(AP)—A detective said today he had "definitely established" that Mrs. Huguet Lemay, missing Canadian beauty, was seen on a highway west of Miami a week ago.

Mrs. Lemay, 21, vanished Jan. 4 while fishing with her husband, George, nearly 100 miles south of Miami in the Florida keys.

"We have found four persons who saw her on the Tamiami Trail last Sunday," Canadian detective Roger Nadeau said. "We have every reason to believe she was the person they saw, because the description tallies exactly. I am positive she was seen there."

Nadeau, a private detective sent here by the family, said he would make a thorough search of the Tamiami Trail leading from Miami to Fort Myers on the Florida west coast, starting tomorrow. He said he plans to search the canals along the trail and the adjacent road side.

"It is still possible that she is alive," he added. "I believe she either was kidnapped or hitchhiked away from the scene. I don't believe she was drowned."

Nadeau said a report that she had been seen at Boca Chica near Key West had been found false and other early leads proved useless.

Monroe County's deputy sheriff, James O. Barker, is still working on the case, searching the keys area south of Miami to Key West. Mrs. Lemay left her husband fishing on a bridge at 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, to walk to their convertible about 150 yards away. She was wearing shorts and planned to change into heavier clothing. Wearing apparel found in the car indicated she changed clothes before she disappeared.

Her brother, Raymond Daoust, Montreal lawyer, and the husband also are working on the case.

Feel Break In Toronto Strike Is Imminent

TORONTO, Jan. 13 —(CP)—A feeling pervaded Toronto tonight that a "break" in the transit strike was imminent.

For the first time since more than 4,700 street-car and bus operators struck Jan. 4 to enforce a demand for higher wages next tomorrow.

Both sides publicly remained firm but nevertheless it was widely felt that "something" would give when Ontario's Labor Minister, Hon. Charles Daley, opens the meeting tomorrow afternoon.

The meeting was called by Mr. Daley, who headed off a strike at the height of the Christmas shopping season but failed to avert it at later negotiations, following a public hint by a union official that the men were willing to meet Toronto Transport Commission negotiators. Up to now, the men have rejected arbitration, which the T. T. C. suggests.

Two Antigonish Children Drowned

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Jan. 13 —(CP)—The two children of J. N. Riley, Norma, 1, and Fraser, 4, drowned yesterday when they fell through the ice of West River, about 400 yards from their home.

The bodies were found beneath the ice by searchers, led by the R. C. M. P. Mr. Riley, an R. C. A. F. veteran, is an official of the Nova Scotia Credit Union League. He is a native of Montreal.

Free-Riders Happy But Toronto's Motorists Moan

By William Harcourt TORONTO, Jan. 13 —(CP)—I've never had it so bad. Toronto's street-car strike may be a picnic for the free-rider, but it's no fun for the car driver.

Responsibility in Toronto's traffic high at any time, is pushing the ceiling.

It's nerve-racking to see those trusting faces—your free-riders—beaming from the back seat, trusting your ability to pilot them safely through rush-hour madness. They've never had it so good. For us drivers, it's a different story. Now we're part of a car-pool.

In the dark hours before dawn you stumble out to your car and, if it starts, drive miles off of your way to pick up those selected to ride with you.

Then, some morning, the car won't start. Time passes as you tinker. You grow frantic thinking of those waiting on corners, depending upon you to get them to work.

After a week of it, you're a bundle of nerves.

New Canal Zone Battle May Forecast Step-Up In Activity

By RONALD BATCHELOR ISMALIA, Egypt, Jan. 13 —(Reuters)—A new flare-up in the Suez Canal zone which has claimed 17 lives, including a British soldier, within the last 24 hours, may be the forerunner of big-scale Egyptian terrorist attacks under more aggressive and determined leaders.

British staff officers are laying plans to meet new assaults. They take the view that the "liberation army" will try to wage a carefully-planned and co-ordinated war.

So far the irregulars' three-month campaign to squeeze out the Britons has consisted of sporadic though bitter, affrays.

As preparations mounted reports continued to pour in of strong "commando" reinforcements reaching the zone from universities in Cairo and Alexandria.

Hundreds of youths are known to be undergoing guerrilla warfare training in the big Egyptian towns in Cairo last Thursday 50 students of Al Azhar, 1,000-year-old foremost centre of Islamic teaching, exploded hand grenades on their drill ground before being sent to join the "liberation army" harassing Britons in the Canal Zone.

British officials have again and again proclaimed that they will not be forced from the zone. Saturday's fighting at Tel El Kebir convinced British authorities that a more virulent stage in the Canal Zone situation has been reached.

Egyptians Fight Bitterly The fierce engagement in which the terrorists lost 12 killed, 15 wounded and 41 captured was a battle in the fully military sense, British officers said. The Egyptians stood their ground and fought it out with bitter determination.

The nine-hour battle was touched off when a mine exploded on the railway track, wounding two Britons. One platoon sergeant was shot through the heart by a sniper.

The terrorist objectives were the British defence positions and the water filtration plant near the huge Tel El Kebir ordnance depot. This plant, which supplies the entire British garrison with drinking water, has been a trouble point all along.

Lap Reindeer For Greenland

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 13 —(Reuters)—The Lapland domesticated reindeer—which for Laplanders is something like a comic strip schmo—will be introduced into Greenland this summer.

A shipment of 300 of the all-purpose animals will be sent to the Danish North American possession for cross-breeding with local reindeer in an effort to fill the gap left by the gradual disappearance of seal there, it was announced Saturday.

Laplanders—natives of the extreme Arctic north of Scandinavia—have built their lives around reindeer for centuries. They use them to ride on, to pull plows and sleighs, to eat, to supply milk—and they use their hides for clothes and for the tents they live in.

The aim in introducing domestic reindeer to Greenland is to start a new branch of agriculture to improve the people's diet.

Free-Riders Happy But Toronto's Motorists Moan

Now and then you pick up a pretty girl hitch-hiker whose gratitude knows no bounds. It's hard to take.

Some young men, we hear, have been so terrified by this sudden "Toronto friendliness" that they're keeping their mothers in the front seat with them.

Insomnia is common now among motorists. If they manage to get to sleep, nightmares of dreams of traffic tangles, grateful girls and snow-banks lying in wait for an unwary rear wheel leave them exhausted in the morning.

Fire Destroys Fine Home At Travellers Rest

Fire on Saturday morning completely destroyed the two-story home of Mr. George Waite, of Travellers Rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Waite had been living in Summerside for some time, and Mr. Waite had gone to their home at Travellers Rest early Saturday morning to do some work about the place prior to their moving into their home sometime this week.

He had started a fire in the kitchen stove more than two hours before the fire was discovered, and after working around the house for some time, had gone out to cut some wood.

While engaged at this task, a neighbour who was breaking a load after the storm, came by, and the two men stopped to talk for a few minutes.

It was then that they observed smoke coming out of the peak of the roof, and rushed into the house but could not get upstairs because of the smoke.

Although a few neighbours gathered and carried out everything on the first floor, they were unable to extinguish the blaze which made rapid headway, and the Waite family lost everything on the second floor including furniture, clothing, bedding, etc.

By throwing snow on a nearby building the men were able to save it from burning to the ground, and this effort, it is said, saved other buildings which were nearby, and which, in all probability, would have also burned.

It is not known definitely what caused the fire that destroyed this house, which was only twelve years old. — S.

It's Bad Business To Over Estimate Your Capacity When Hunting Trouble

HALIFAX, Jan. 13 —(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Sunday.

The high pressure system causing fine weather in the Maritimes will cross the district tonight. On Monday cloud will spread over the district as a weak disturbance approaches from the west. Some snow can be expected later in the day, but drizzle is forecast for the southwestern regions.

Forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Cloudy, occasional light snow in the evening. Not much change in temperature. Southwest winds 15. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 10 and 29.

High tide today at 12:50 P. M. Sun rises today at 7:49 A. M. and 4:55 P. M.

MCA AIR SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 4:50 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 — Halifax 1:50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax. Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow 6:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY 9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow, etc. 10:25 A.M. Arrive New Glasgow from Sydney. SUNDAY ONLY Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 11:20 A.M. Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 5:55 P.M.

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