



FIRE IN CONTRACTOR'S STOREHOUSE

A large number of explosive ranset shots were carried out of a burning building yesterday by James Atkinson, city. The wooden container of the small but powerful explosives received a bad scorching but all were safely salvaged.

At about 1:40 yesterday afternoon a stubborn blaze had broken out in a double tenement, 68-70 Pownall Street. The building, situated at the rear of the new Federal Building, was being used as an office building by the Anglin-Norcross Maritimes Limited, con-

tractors for the new establishment. Flames had made considerable headway by the time the City Fire Department arrived on the scene, they were greatly hampered in their work by dense volumes of smoke.

As far as could be determined the blaze started in the rear of the second floor apparently from faulty electrical wiring or fitting. To get the fire completely extinguished it was necessary for the firemen to tear off a large portion of the roof.

The plans and records stored in the building were removed before fire could cause any damage to them. Damage to the building was considerable and the equipment was moved to the Federal Building where the office will be set up. The tenement along with a second house on Pownall Street were scheduled to be demolished in the near future.

Mr. Gus Savoie, construction superintendent, last night said that as far as could be ascertained, the company had lost no records or stores.

Daily Flights Now For Ice Survey Of Gulf

Capt. Angus Brown, Ice Observer for the Department of Transport, commenced yesterday to make daily air runs over the steamer lane leading up the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the River.

The observer plane took off from Charlottetown at 8:30 a.m. and travelled a course slightly in excess of 1,100 miles which covered an area through the strait and up the Gulf to Cape Des Roches. On the return run the course was directly down the gulf and continued out to sea to a point 40 miles south of Scatarie on the east coast of Cape Breton.

Capt. Brown reports Charlottetown harbour improving but in the area there is a 70 per cent ice condition from Egmont Bay over to George Bay, where the ice was rated at 90 per cent. The Canso area is blocked solid with heavy ice through to Harbour Bouche.

FOREIGN TRAWLERS

A group of 39 foreign trawlers, apparently in convoy, were observed off Sydney and the east coast of Cape Breton. The five trawlers reported in heavy ice last week have eased away from the area where they were at a stand-still and are now working between St. Paul's Island and Cape St. Lawrence.

Four steamers are in open water in the steamer track heading up the Gulf towards the St. Lawrence River. At Pietou the Brant was observed clearing the entrance to the slip and easing the Magdalen into position, presumably with a view to going on the slip.

Injured Pilot Out Of Danger

HALIFAX, (CP)—A naval flyer from the nearby Shearwater air station is reported "out of danger" by naval officials Monday.

Sub. Lt. Frederick W. Goodfellow, 22, of City View, near Ottawa, was injured Saturday when his Harvard trainer crashed on a flight from Shearwater to Fredericton.

Goodfellow, who was seriously injured in the crash, was reported progressing satisfactorily in hospital here.

Carl R. Smith of Ormonoto, N.B., a meteorologist at the air base, who was with Goodfellow, has been released from hospital. He received minor injuries and was suffering from shock.

Guided Missile Flies 2,000 Miles

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Northrop Snark guided missile launched from Florida's Cape Canaveral has flown 2,000 miles across the Caribbean out into the central Atlantic, informed sources said Monday.

This is the greatest distance any pilotless aircraft is yet known to have flown. The jet-powered Snark is intercontinental in range.

The flight a few days ago was reported to be more a test of range than of accuracy, load-carrying ability or manoeuvrability. The testing officials were said to have decided to just let the missile fly until it ran out of fuel.

The Snark is 32 feet long and 4 1/2 feet in diameter. It flies high, and close to the speed of sound—which above 30,000 feet is 670 miles an hour.

DEVELOPED CASE OF SHAKES

33 Survive Crash Of Big Airliner In Puget Sound

Fire Destroys Mansion Of Billy Rose

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. (AP)—Fire destroyed showman Billy Rose's 28-room country mansion Monday, reducing to ashes his costly collection of irreplaceable paintings and art objects.

Rose said only one painting was salvaged from his collection. And it was one of his less-treasured ones. "I don't want to talk about the paintings or list their value," said Rose, distraught to a point where he was all but overcome. "This is a terrific emotional loss."

The Broadway producer was known to have collected more than \$250,000 worth of valuable paintings—including Renoirs, a Rembrandt, a Rubens, a Daumier, a Frans Hals, a Holbein, a Titian, a William Turner and a Thomas Hart Benton.

Some of these he had disposed of, notably the Rembrandt for which he paid \$75,000. Rose also owned a \$250,000 collection of English silver. The value of the three-storey mansion of Georgian architecture was believed to be about \$100,000. Nothing was left of it but its blackened brick walls.



TEACHERS' CONVENTION OPENS TODAY

The Board of Governors of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation met at Prince of Wales College on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The president, Mr. Elmer Pineau of Summerside High School, was in the chair. Reports of the various committees were received and discussed by the board. In the report of the January Workshop Miss Estelle Bowness, General Secretary of the Federation, stressed the special benefits that would be derived from holding these workshops which were designed to make teachers more aware of the business of the Federation and the importance and significance of their professional status.

ABOVE are shown Miss Mabel Matheson, first vice-president, the Hon. Kier Clark and president Elmer Pineau. Mr. Frank Costello and Mrs. Livingston, teachers at Parkdale School, were appointed as replacements on the property committee, and Miss Winnifred Hayter was elected treasurer of the Federation.

This morning the general convention will begin, and the teachers will be addressed by the Minister of education, Hon. Kier Clark, and by Mr. G. C. Crookery, National Secretary of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Committees appointed were: press — Norman Macdonald, Miss Helen Yeo; resolutions — J. Weeks Murphy, Mrs. McKinnon, Jeremiah Pineau.

Four Persons Lose Lives In Ditching

SEATTLE (AP)—Thirty-three chivvering survivors were saved from Puget sound Monday after the crash-landing of a luxury air liner that developed a fatal case of shakes a few minutes after takeoff.

The coast guard reported four persons, including a Chinese woman and a boy from Hong Kong, died in the ditching and sinking of the Northwest Orient Airlines Stratocruiser.

The 33 survived by clinging to the wings of the four-engine double-deck plane for the several minutes it remained afloat. They hung on to the many cushions that dived the frigid water. There was no rubber life raft because the plane, headed for Chicago and New York via Portland, Ore., was not on an over-water route.

DEVELOPED SHAKES The group of 31 passengers included eight Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong—three adults and five children. They had arrived from the Orient on another plane. Yee Sau Foon, 4, one of the victims had a tag on his coat: "I came from Hong Kong, destination New York."

The pilot, Capt. Robert Heard, 38, of Seattle, said the plane began vibrating severely after it had been airborne about three minutes. The takeoff was from the Seattle-Tacoma International airport, not far from Puget sound.

Heard said the trouble developed at about 1,000 feet altitude. He decided to "ditch" the big plane instead of taking the risk of trying to turn back to the airport.

The coldness of the water, estimated between 40 and 45 degrees, may have caused the victims to slip to their deaths because of numbed fingers.

PICK UP SURVIVORS Fortunately, two air force amphibian planes were in the air at the time the disaster warning came. They landed at the scene to pick up the survivors still afloat. The rescue, aided by small boats and coast guard vessels, was completed in little more than 30 minutes.

Nelson Wahlstrom, comptroller of the university of Washington, commented: "It was smart of the pilot to come down in the water, and we are delighted with virtually no impact."

Dorothy Oetting of Seattle, one of the stewardesses, considers herself a poor swimmer "but I swam today."

"I gave my seat cushion to one of the Oriental passengers. Then I had to swim until I found another one. Thank God I did."

500 MEN INVOLVED

Pitched Battle In Milk Strike Narrowly Averted

DETROIT (AP)—Two pitched battles, one of which would have involved 500 men, were narrowly averted Monday as non-striking dairy farmers ran blockades of price-throwing pickets to get milk to the big Detroit market.

Major creameries reported they got 40 to 60 per cent of their normal supply Monday the eighth day of the strike. Detroit police said they convoyed 150 trucks to creameries.

A battle, which would have pitted 250 non-strikers against an equal number of strikers, nearly broke out at Ovid, 90 miles northwest of Detroit. Ovid and nearby Elsie were the scene of windshield smashing Sunday.

Non-striking farmers, 250 strong,

assembled a mile from an Ovid milk receiving depot and announced they were "going in" to free seven tankers hemmed in by 250 pickets since Saturday.

State police, fearing major bloodshed, got leaders of the two groups together. Finally pickets

gave way at the urging of Jerry Kurka, a vice-president of the Fair Share Bargaining Association, which called the strike in an effort to force creameries to raise prices to farmers from \$4.41 a hundredweight (40 1/2 quarts) to \$6.50.

Report R.C.M.P. May Cut Force

OTTAWA (CP)—RCMP personnel in some provinces may decline during the next two years in line with the federal police force's commitments there, Commissioner L. H. Nicholson said Monday.

He said the RCMP, which serves as the provincial police force in every province except Quebec and Ontario, has supplied several provinces with more men than required under their contracts.

The force plans a general adjustment to bring the number of personnel in line with contract figures, the RCMP head said in an interview.

"Because of a general increase in strength and a general increase

in duties we have not related these figures too closely."

No reduction would be made in provinces that sign new contracts to cover the number now serving, Commissioner Nicholson said he has just returned from a Maritime visit during which he discussed the planned adjustment with the attorneys - general of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Last Friday Attorney - General Patterson said in Halifax that RCMP strength in Nova Scotia will be reduced during the next two years by 50 or 60 officers—from more than 200 to 165.

Newsman Will See Pacific H-Bomb Test

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government announced Monday newspaper men and photographers will be permitted to observe and report an H-bomb test scheduled for about May 1 at Eniwetok in the Pacific.

The coverage will be on a "pool" basis with the number of newspaper men limited to 15.

It will be the first time since 1948 that newspaper men have been allowed to see tests of atomic weapons at the Eniwetok proving ground. They have seen a number of tests, however, in Nevada, the last time on May 5 of last year.

A joint announcement by the atomic energy commission and the defence department did not say specifically that the upcoming Eniwetok test will be of an H-bomb. The announcement described it as a "megaton range nuclear detonation."

A megaton is the equivalent of one million tons of TNT.

Coming Events

Don't miss the Ranch Boys at Clyde River Hall tonight.

Play in Borden Legion Hall postponed until Tuesday April 10.

Unloading old Sydney coal at Milton today Vernon Gillespie.

See "Molly Darling" in Vernon River Hall Tuesday April 3rd.

Crapaud Rink tonight: School hockey playoffs — Crapaud vs Albany Village. Skate after.

Ranch boy show at Clyde River tonight sponsored by Clyde L.O. B.A. Sale of candy.

Reserve Wednesday and Thursday, April eighteenth and nineteenth for York Concert.

Hockey at North River Rink to Long Creek vs York 8 o'clock Cornwall vs Winslow 9:15. Skate after, if ice is fit.

Mt. Stewart Variety Concert in Covehead Community Hall Wednesday April 4 at 8:15 Sponsored by Covehead Road United Church.

Unloading car bulk feed oats, Monday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 3rd bring bags P. L. Morris Feed Service 12 Lower Queen St.



INSPECTS QUALIFYING N.C.O.'s

The passing out parade of the class of over fifty candidates for senior and junior N. C. O.'s of all units of the Charlottetown Garrison was held yesterday afternoon at the Armouries.

Inspecting officer for the occasion was Brig. G. G. K. Peake, D. S.O., E.D., officer commanding 2

Militia Group, who in his remarks congratulated the class on their attendance and interest over the past several weeks in spite of their civilian employment. It was apparent, he said, that the class learned to take orders well before aspiring to the position of given orders. Brig. Peake congratulated the

instruction staff comprising the Instructional and Administrative Office, Captain H. Pollard and his six N. C. O.'s from both the local units and Eastern Command Headquarters.

On the reviewing stand with Brig. Peake, were, Lieut. Col. A. H. Peake, C.D., O.C., P. E. I.

Regt., Lieut. Col. J. MacDonald, 2 Mil. Gr. Headquarters, Lieut. Col. J. K. L. Irwin, C.D., O.C., 5 Med. Group, Lieut. Col. K. Johnson, C.D., O.C., 5 Sigs Regt., Mjr. O. R. Simons, 2 Mil. Gr. Headquarters and Captain Pollard.

Guardian Photo

Report Too Many Potatoes Planned In U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The agriculture department said Monday farmers plan to plant too many potatoes this year and depressed prices would result.

The department had urged growers to plant eight per cent fewer acres to potatoes this year than were grown last year. But a recent department survey indicated that the acreage will be reduced only 2.8 per cent.

The department said the indicated acreage would produce at average acre yield—a crop substantially larger than the 275,000,000 bushels recommended by the government.

"Excess potato acreage results in excess supply, difficult marketing conditions and unsatisfactory prices," the department said. "Growers can solve a big share of the marketing problems at planting time by not planting surplus acres."

GET WAGE INCREASE

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An agreement between the Aluminum Company of America and the United Steelworkers on job classification will give 11,000 workers an average seven-cent hourly wage increase retroactive to Aug. 1, 1955.

The schools were closed after the riot. Sixteen students were arrested and British commandos searched the school buildings.

DAYTIME ATTACK Meanwhile, in Limassol, terrorists Monday launched their first daytime bomb attacks on British civilians, injuring an elderly British couple, seriously wounding a British military policeman and wounding several other British servicemen.

More than 20 Greek - Cypriots were arrested. British Army civilian clerk R. Parker and his wife suffered leg injuries when a bomb was set off behind them as they walked along the street where a British Army engineer was shot to death Sunday.

Limassol had been placed under curfew following Sunday's attack

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United Church Minister Dies

NEW GLASGOW, (CP)—Rev. Dr. Charles R. C. MacLennan, pastor of Trinity United Church here for 18 years, died in hospital at Halifax Monday. He was 64.

Dr. MacLennan retired because of failing health last fall. He has held pastorates in St. Peter's, N.S.; St. Stephen, N.B., and Glace Bay, N.S.

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"It was just like a summer's day except for a few pieces of ice," said skipper Fred Dowling of the Manchester Regiment. Next Monday he will be awarded the traditional gold-headed cane given annually to the captain bringing in the first ship of the season.

He said the voyage, which started Friday, March 23 from Manchester, England, was "without incident." The freighter's pace in excellent conditions from Newfoundland on made it no contest as far as several would-be contenders were concerned.

N.T. RECORD The arrival equalled the second-best time, turned in by the Seaboard Star in 1953. A sister vessel, the Manchester Spinner which was first the last two years, arrived March 30 two years ago to fashion a record.

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