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BRITAIN CLAIMS WORLD PEACE "GRAVELY THREATENED"

Carriers Lose Ground As Hearing Opens

Prominent British Agriculturist On Visit To Province

Continue Probe Of Bank Note Theft

(By The Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—The R.C.M.P. today set in motion an investigation of the disappearance of about \$50,000 in bank notes from the Canadian Bank Note Company's plant after a mysterious fire.

The police said they are not yet prepared to release any information on the case.

The investigation began Dec. 16 when \$1,500 in \$1 bills and \$60,000 in \$20 bills was found missing after the plant's night watchman extinguished a small fire on the plant's second floor. It was believed the fire had been set by someone who had thrown cleaning fluid on the floor and walls.

The missing bills had been cut from sheets which were stacked on a table in the room where the fire occurred.

Since the theft was discovered a close watch on banks and other financial establishments has been kept in case some of the missing bills might turn up with the forged signatures of Bank of Canada officials. So far none have been found.

Search For Clues Intensified In Fredericton Murder

FREDERICTON, Jan. 11.—(CP)—Investigation into the death of Norman P. Burgoyne, Fredericton taxi driver whose battered body was found in the locked trunk of a car yesterday, became intensified today when a dog from the R.C.M.P. detachment at Moncton was brought here to assist the search for possible clues.

Police combed the lonely Wilsey Road area in efforts to solve what they termed possibly "one of the most brutal murders in the Province's history."

The car was found on the woods road after its 34-year-old driver had been missing since Friday night, when he answered a call to pick up a passenger. He had suffered three head gashes. Missing were \$200 he was known to have carried and a \$25 watch.

Date of an autopsy was left open pending results of a post-mortem examination and further investigation.

Burgoyne was reported seen on a city street with two girls and one man as passengers after he answered the call Friday night.

Coming Events

- *Dance French River Hall Thursday night.
- **Expecting car of baled shavings shortly. Better order now. Last car over-sold. MacKie & Co.
- **Unloading car of Shur-Gain feed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. MacKie & Co., per L. MacDonald.
- **Unloading car of Oil Cake Thursday and Friday. North Wilshire Dairy Co.
- **Come to Milton Variety Concert at Wilshire Hall, Friday, January 14th, if car roads possible.
- **Come to the films at York Point School on January 13. Sale of lunches.
- **Dance Mt. Stewart, Thursday, January 13th. Eastern Rhythm Boys.
- **Comrades The monthly meeting of Kingston Branch No. 39 Canadian Legion in Legion Home, Grafton Street, Charlottetown, Thursday, January 13th, at 8.30 P. M.
- **Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Braselane, until 11.30 a. m.; Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon; Summer-ridge until 1.30 p. m.; and Kensington until 3 p. m. MacEwen and Caster.

An area equal to that of Prince Edward Island, the million acre farm, would completely disappear as farm land in about 15 years under the conditions in England today, indicated Prof. Harold Sanders, M.A., Ph.D., one of Britain's foremost agricultural experts, in an interview last evening in The Charlottetown.

"England is losing agricultural land at the rate of between 50,000 and 100,000 acres annually to new roads and buildings and public and service projects generally," declared Dr. Sanders, who is Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Horticulture and Dairying at Reading University, England.

Touring Canada, Prof. Sanders is speaking on farming in Britain generally. He points out that whereas in 1891 there was one acre of arable land in England to each person, today that acreage has been drastically reduced to 0.56 acres per person.

Britain was 30% self-supporting, today it is 40% and the target for 1952 is 50% which, declared Dr. Sanders, is its limit under the present circumstances.

A farmer himself, and from farming stock which dates back to William the Conqueror's day, Prof. Sanders described the necessity for control in British farming. "This is not a political issue," he emphasized. "All parties recognize the problem and approve the method being used to meet it. Farming has been controlled in England since 1919. In 1947, after eight years of this control, all parties agreed to the Agricultural Act which was passed without opposition."

Stating that it works because the farmers themselves run the show, Dr. Sanders outlined the

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U. S. Air Force Cancels Orders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Air Force today cancelled orders for 240 aircraft of various types and announced it will spend \$300 million to modernize other planes. About \$300,000,000 is involved.

Shoe Styles Revealed At Toronto Meeting

TORONTO, Jan. 11.—(CP)—Light shades of leather in trim, narrower-lasted shoes, feature the spring style show for women presented by the Canadian Footwear Industry now holding its annual convention in Toronto.

Fine suedes, calskins and reptiles, many with metallic trim, feature dress shoes.

For informal and play shoes smooth leathers such as calf and kid suede are used as materials and in low-heeled shoes the tapered toes give way to squared toes.

Suggests Subsidies For Needy, Qualified Students

(By The Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, Jan. 11.—Government subsidies to enable qualified but needy students to continue their education at Canadian universities were advocated tonight by Dr. A. E. Kerr, president of Dalhousie University.

Dr. Kerr said in an interview that "on the basis of experience with war veterans," some form of subsidy should be provided for students otherwise unable to continue their education.

"Such aid might take the form of government scholarships," he said.

He said students attending university with the assistance of Veterans' Department grants have given "a creditable account of themselves" and have "demonstrated their ability to profit by the privilege extended to them."

Not promising young man or woman, he continued, should have to give up a chance to go to university because his parents could not afford it. "The dollar sign must be eliminated."

Dr. Kerr pointed out that the British Government is considering a measure to aid students in British universities.

Enrolment at Dalhousie University reached an all-time high last year—1,873 students, more than double the 1939 figure of 908. At the end of the war, the enrolment had dropped to 711.

Although the student population at the Halifax university dropped by 100 this year, indicating a turn in the post-war tide, Dr. Kerr reported that the number of non-veteran students is the largest in the University's history.

A similar situation prevails in most Canadian universities this year.

Since the start of the D. V. A. rehabilitation scheme, 50,000 Canadian veterans have gone to college. D. V. A. officials said 26,000 have graduated. The rest are continuing their studies.

Claxton Favors Early Start On Seaway Project

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Jan. 11.—(CP)—Defence Minister Claxton said tonight the St. Lawrence waterway project "should be started as soon as possible and pressed to completion in the interests of national defence and international security."

He added: "General economic benefits, transportation and communication, power and iron-ore are reasons which give its completion urgent priority in joint (Canada-U.S.) defence."

In an address before a dinner given by the Sault Ste. Marie Regiment, Mr. Claxton recalled that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King in 1941 had worked out an agreement for construction of the St. Lawrence seaway as a contribution to peace-time trade and as a line of communication for continental defence.

He saw these benefits in completion:

1. Expansion of the economy, giving increased ability to arm.
2. It would bring resources of the continent's interior closer to the fighting front, allow more effective industrial mobilization, permit construction of all but the largest ships in the inland industrial centres bordering the Great Lakes, provide a means of transport alternative to the railways.
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Chinese Government Unit Appeals For End To Civil War

NANKING, Jan. 11.—(Reuters)—The Chinese Control Yuan, an important unit of President Chiang Kai-Shek's National Government, unanimously appealed today for an end to the bitter civil war.

There was no immediate indication why the Control Yuan—concerned with general supervision of government activities such as auditing and impeachment—should have issued the appeal.

Some Control Yuan members also submitted for further consideration a detailed peace plan proposing:

1. The Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Tsung-tung, the Communist leader, should be asked to cease military operations and as soon as possible, and send representatives to meet and discuss concrete peace proposals.
2. They should hold early discussions on peace moves with Chang Chih-Chung and Chang Chih-Kuan, members of the Inner cabinet, and with Shao Li-Tse, former Ambassador to Moscow, and Kwan Li-Tsin, an advocate of peace.
3. An approach should be made to the ambassadors of the four major powers to appeal for peace in the name of the people, urging them to transmit the views of the Chinese people to their governments and begin mediation.
4. Material should be prepared for peace negotiations.

Consider Tientsin Lost

NANKING, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Tientsin was written off as lost today in official quarters of this shaken capital.

Official sources said "Tientsin is gone." They then tapped into silence as to details of the loss of this great northern industrial city.

Their words were taken to indicate the Communists either have occupied Tientsin or that terms have been arranged by which the city will be surrendered to the Reds.

With the news had from North China, and continued Red attacks on the northern approaches to Nanking, the exodus of officials, archives and equipment continued at a fast pace.

One official estimated that far more than half the government's official personnel has vanished. Most of the officials are heading for Formosa or Canton in South China.

Technically, all ministries remain, because the great seals for stamping all official documents are here. Actually, only the most important functions of government are continuing.

A reliable source said the Ministry of Health would be transferred en masse to Canton tomorrow.

The equipment of four government-owned factories as well as key personnel, were loaded aboard a special steamship for transfer to Formosa.

Junior Farmers Officers



Lloyd Martin, Cherry Valley, president of the P.E.I. Junior Farmers' Federation, and president of the Cherry Valley group. Photo by Saunders

Vancouver Engraver Is Held In Chains Five Days

"The March Of Books" Drive Is Planned

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—(CP)—A nation-wide campaign to collect Canadian books and periodicals for distribution to needy libraries in war-devastated countries has been announced by the Canadian Library Association and the Canadian Council for Reconstruction through U.N.E.S.C.O. The drive is to be known as "The March Of Books."

VANCOUVER, Jan. 11.—(CP)—In a province-wide hunt, police tonight sought members of an alleged counterfeit gang charged with keeping a 66-year-old engraver a prisoner for five days.

Ernest W. Conduit, told police he was held in chains, shackled for four days to a bed in an upstairs room of a Dunbar district bungalow, and then removed to a cell like closet in an unheated basement. Police found him Monday night, chained to a heavy iron chest. Thirty feet of chain and a padlock had been used to shackle both his legs.

Conduit told police the gang was at all times concealed their faces in white hoods, and were heavily armed, tried to force him to use his engraving skills to produce bogus bank bills.

"They never took their weird, frightening hoods off," he told police investigators. "There were always two on guard, brandishing revolvers."

The "gang" consisted of five or six men, who openly talked of counterfeit plans, especially the making of \$20 bills.

During their occupancy of the house, leased from Capt. A.B. McKinnon, a Victoria army officer now at Wainwright, Alta., the men conducted a rent racket, police learned.

They had collected \$150 from our woman, and \$150 advance rent from a man and his wife. They had advertised the house in a Vancouver newspaper. The prospective tenants had not been permitted to view the basement.

One became suspicious, and checked with a neighbor who notified police.

The men had burned some papers in a fireplace and fled the house 15 minutes before arrival of police.

"There was one clue, the description of one of the men in the house. He was the man who dealt with prospective tenants, and arranged rent advance payments. He was described as about 27 years old, clean-cut, with a slight French accent."

He had posed as Capt. McKinnon, wearing an army uniform when interviewing the prospective tenants.

Sees Turning Point In Fight Against Cancer

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 11.—(CP)—The turning point has been reached in the fight against cancer, Health Minister Martin said tonight.

In an address prepared for delivery before the Kinsmen Club, Mr. Martin said a vast co-operative effort is shaping up in Canada now to build a cancer control program "of which we can all be proud."

"Until the present time, the cancer control program in Canada has fallen far short of meeting the problem," he said. "The major shortcomings were inadequacy of research and financial backing."

"From now on we are intent on bringing every possible aid to the sufferers from cancer to assist in their cure, to alleviate their pain and to improve their chances of survival."

"We are determined to make every possible effort to control cancer, because unless we succeed in forcing the present mortality rate downward, 1,300,000 Canadians now living will die from this disease."

Two outstanding achievements in the fight in the past two years were the establishment of the National Cancer Institute of Canada in January, 1947, and inclusion of a cancer grant in the national health program last year.

Heavy Snowfall In Southern California

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—(AP)—It snowed long and plenty in Southern California today. And it was more of the unfamiliar stuff in store, the weather man says.

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By John LeBlanc

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—(CP)—The Canadian railways received two sharp financial setbacks in their fight for higher freight rates today and also were thrown for a tactical loss.

In the railways' application for a general boost in freight rates, the Board of Transport Commissioners refused to hear evidence dealing solely with the "interim" increase sought by the carriers. This had the effect of moving back the date on which the railways might expect to get any new revenue.

In another case, the board ordered the railways to suspend immediately—pending hearing—increases which they put into effect last month in rates on farm shipments moving from Eastern Canada to the West. Farm and manufacturing interests had protested this boost.

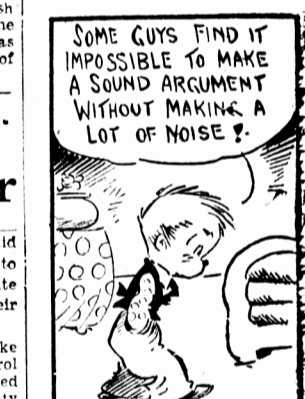
The carriers' tactical loss came when the board, in the general increase case, ordered them to precede the seven protesting provinces with evidence to justify the 21-per cent increase they got from the board last spring.

On appeal from the provinces, the cabinet had ordered the board to review the basis of the 21-per cent award and, if it found the formula for that award should be revised, to apply the new formula to any further rate increases.

Today, the railways lost out in an attempt to have the board consider a straight percentage increase immediately, leaving consideration of formula revision until later.

In an attempt to have the board take this course, they dropped their interim increase demand.

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TORONTO, Jan. 11.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 2, 13; Vancouver 21, 36; Jasper 4B, 19; Edmonton 5, 12; Regina 23B, 14; Winnipeg 21B, 7; Port Churchill 18E, 6; Port Arthur 7B, 16; White River 22B, 16; North Bay 4B, 11; Toronto 19, 25; Ottawa 2, 10; Montreal 7, 14; Quebec 4, 9; Saint John 16, 19; Moncton 12, 24; Halifax 28, 22; Charlottetown 22, 22; Sydney 28, 29; Yarmouth 26, 31; Babelow.

HALIFAX, Jan. 11.—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis: Tuesday the temperatures fell during the day as strong northerly winds brought cold air from Quebec into the Maritimes. The skies were clear in many sections but there were frequent snowflurries where the wind was blowing off the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The winds are diminishing and fine weather can be expected over the district most of Wednesday. However, a storm moving south eastward from Hudson Bay is expected to cause increasing cloudiness followed by snow in the western sections Wednesday night.

Regional forecasts:—Prince Edward Island: Overcast with frequent snowflurries during the night. Wednesday variable cloudiness with widely scattered snowflurries in the morning, clearing in the afternoon. Northwest winds 15 becoming light Wednesday morning. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 5 and 16, and this evening at 7.49.

Sun sets this evening at 4.39 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.49.

Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY "ABEGWEIT" WEEK DAYS Leaves Borden 9.10 A.M. and arrives at Cape Tormentine at 10.15 A.M. Leaves Cape Tormentine 2.40 P.M. and arrives at Borden 3.55 P.M. No Sunday schedule in effect.