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LUMBER AND SALMON MAY BE ADDED TO U. K. CONTRACTS

U. S. Navy Emphasizes Anti-Submarine Work

Two Federal Ministers Plan Selling Tours; Will Seek Egg Market

OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (CP)—Two Federal Cabinet Ministers will be coming to the world next January, looking for new markets for Canadian commodities.

While External Affairs Minister Pearson will be flying through the markets of the Far East, Trade Minister Howe will do a trek through parts of Europe.

Mr. Pearson is planning the Far-East jaunt after the Commonwealth foreign ministers' conference in Colombo, Ceylon, in January.

Mr. Howe returned to his desk today after a week's illness and began preparations for a trip that will take him to most of the Western European capitals, including all Canadian trade commissioners in the United Kingdom, France, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

No definite itinerary has been drawn up, but he also may take in West Germany and Italy. Finally, he will stop off in the south of France for a brief holiday before returning to Canada.

Although both he and Mr. Pearson will be looking for markets, the energetic Mr. Howe, sometimes described as Canada's No. 1 optimist, said in an interview that there was little need to worry about the subject of foreign trade.

"Canada has been able to sell all her exportable surpluses in the past, and we hope to continue to be able to do so in the future," he said.

Mr. Howe was confined in his home with a throat ailment last week when the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference heard Agriculture Minister Gardiner tell of declining food contracts with Britain in 1950.

There was to be a contract for cheese and perhaps a little bacon, but the U.K. had decided against purchases of Canadian eggs next year.

Mr. Howe said a market for eggs would be one of the things on his mind when he makes the trip overseas. He likely will be in Europe for three or four weeks.

Officials Silent On Reports Of Russian Fleet

By MAX BOYD
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Spurred by authoritative reports that the Russians are building up their submarine fleet, the United States Navy indicated today that anti-sub warfare is its top job.

Jane's Fighting Ships, British publication which is recognized as an authority on fighting fleets, reported that Russia now has some 300 submarines and hopes to have between 750 and 1,000 by 1951.

A navy spokesman would not comment directly on the publication's estimates of Russian submarine strength. Nor would he discuss Jane's report that the Russians are believed to be building three ultra-modern, 35,000-ton battleships equipped with radio-controlled aerial torpedoes and rockets.

In response to an inquiry, however, the spokesman said planning and preparation for anti-submarine warfare remain the United States Navy's top job. There has recently been evidence that the navy is concentrating more and more on undersea warfare.

Jane's estimate of the number of submarines that Russia now has is a little higher than the figure given to Congress early this year by Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, then chief of naval operations. He figured the total at that time to be from 250 to 300.

Jane's estimated that Russia's U-boat fleet includes some types captured from the Germans. Other information reaching here indicates that some of the Soviet subs are small coastal vessels and that only a small percentage are the fast, long-range Snorkel type developed by Germany during the Second World War. The Snorkel is a "breathing" device which prolongs the submergence period.

Reporting that the Russians hope to have between 750 and 1,000 long the Scottish west coast was at a standstill.

Mayor McLean of Sydney Is Charged With Murder

By DON MACKENZIE
(Canadian Press Correspondent)
SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 19 (CP)—Dan Jack MacLean, mayor of this Nova Scotia steel city, today was charged with murder in the death of Joseph MacKinnon, the city registrar of voters.

Mr. MacKinnon died last night shortly after his battered body was found in a south-end alleyway. His head was gashed and his chest crushed.

Police quoted two youngsters as saying they had seen a car being driven over the body twice. A blood-spattered crutch was found near the body of Mr. MacKinnon, 63-year-old semi-cripple.

Mr. MacKinnon, who walked with the aid of a crutch, was voted registrar in Sydney's Dec. 6 civic election when Mr. MacLean was re-elected for his fifth consecutive two-year term.

Following the election, the Sydney Post-Record reported that Mr. MacKinnon had received scores of protests from groups of citizens claiming they had been disfranchised and that possibly one group would ask that the election be declared invalid. So far, there has been no further action in this regard.

A coroner's jury met briefly today and adjourned to Dec. 28, when it will hear evidence.

Last night, soon after Mr. MacKinnon's body was found, police said the registrar had been in an accident involving a car which did not remain at the scene. Later, police seized a car which they identified as being owned by Mayor MacLean.

Mr. MacLean was taken to hospital for treatment of a cut on his left hand and put under police guard.

Murder Charge Laid

The murder charge was laid by Police Chief R.J. MacDonald before Magistrate Vernon Read today after crown prosecutor Donald Finlayson had consulted the Attorney-General's Department at Halifax by telephone.

Later, Chief MacDonald went to the hospital to read the murder charge to Mr. MacLean.

An X-ray examination showed that the Mayor has a dislocated left shoulder. Police said he will be taken before Magistrate Read tomorrow. The preliminary hearing is not expected to be held for some 10 days at least.

Police said there was evidence of a struggle inside Mr. MacLean's car and that they had found a partly-filled bottle of brandy in the glove compartment.

They said two youngsters, who will be chief witnesses at the preliminary hearing, told them of hearing screams from the alleyway where Mr. MacKinnon was found.

Chief Witnesses

Jackie MacEachern, 14, who was baby-sitting in a nearby home, told police she saw a car "go back and go ahead over a body" in the alley. "I heard screams and at first I thought it was a cat," he said.

Margaret MacAskill, who lives nearby, told police a similar story. She said she saw the car "go back at the body a second time." Police said she told them "I heard screams of 'stop Jack, stop Jack.'"

Then, she said, the car smashed through a fence and struck a telephone pole as it drove away.

Heavy Mail Last Night

Last night's mail was one of the heaviest of the year as approximately 1200 mail bags came in on the early train and more was expected on the late train. It was estimated that between seven and eight hundred bags were taken to the Post Office while 320 were left at Customs at the Station and 157 were taken to the Armouries to be distributed to the Magdalenas.

The late train, which did not arrive in the City until after one o'clock, had at least 150 bags of customs mail. Most of the Post Office staff worked at the Office during the early part of the night and more than a dozen remained working throughout the night.

Gov't Butter Price Unchanged

OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (CP)—The Agriculture Prices Support Board today announced it will sell Government butter stocks next year at present prices.

The board, which has control over the Government's huge stockpile of some 60,000,000 pounds of butter, has been selling it to dealers in carload lots at 58 cents a pound, plus cost of storage and shipment.

So far, it is learned, less than 10,000,000 pounds have been sold and indications are that the Government may end up with about 15,000,000 pounds in storage when new butter production starts rolling next spring.

The selling price of the butter, purchased during the summer to maintain butter prices, had been fixed at 58 cents until Dec. 31 when the price would be reviewed.

Today's announcement said the board will continue to sell butter to the trade after Dec. 31 at prices in effect at the present time.

From time to time in 1950 it will review the butter-selling program to see if adjustment becomes necessary.

May Add More Wheat To Deferred Sales List To Provide Needed Dollars

By HAROLD MORRISON
OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (CP)—Along with bacon and cheese, Canada may complete 1950 contracts with the United Kingdom for salmon and lumber, it was learned today.

Dollars to pay for the salmon and lumber would be obtained by increasing deferred wheat shipments from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels.

The 10,000,000-bushel figure previously was decided as the approximate amount of wheat to be held back from shipment to the U.K. in the current crop year so Britain might be able to buy about \$18,000,000 worth of Canadian bacon next year.

By increasing this deferred wheat to 15,000,000 bushels, enough dollars would be made available to cover purchases of about \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 worth of salmon and about \$7,000,000 worth of lumber.

Britain purchased \$7,000,000 worth of salmon and about \$31,000,000 worth of lumber from Canada this year.

For Pacific Coast

If negotiations are completed along the wheat-deferment lines, it is understood the salmon and lumber contracts both would go to the Pacific coast.

Canada, it is learned, favors the wheat-deferment plan, and expects to have little trouble selling the 15,000,000 bushels during the current crop year.

The Government is believed to feel that Canadian wheat growers would gain rather than lose if the deal goes through. A clause in the proposed agreement would provide that the U.K. accept 15,000,000 bushels during the 1950-51 crop year at 1949-50 prices—\$2 a bushel for No. 1 northern wheat.

The plan would mean that wheat shipments to the U.K. in the current crop year would be cut from 140,000,000 to 125,000,000 bushels.

Two Snags

As Anglo-Canadian negotiators ponder the wheat-deferment deal, the Canadian Government hit two snags in negotiating cheese and bacon contracts.

One of the snags was price support and the other was the Geneva Trade Pact.

Both cheese and bacon producers are asking that the Government introduce floor prices on 1950 production if contracts are completed at lower than current prices.

Canada sold the U.K. bacon for \$36 a hundredweight in 1949 and cheese at 30 cents a pound. Britain is asking 1950 prices of \$30 a hundredweight for bacon and 25 cents a pound for cheese.

Price Support Views

It is understood the cabinet is not completely in favor of price support for cheese and bacon. Although this would amount to only a few million dollars, it would leave the cabinet wide open for price-support requests for other products.

It would give strength, for example, to the request of the potato producers in the Maritime Provinces for a floor price for potatoes. If the Cabinet approved support prices for bacon and cheese, it would be difficult to turn down the potato producers.

The other difficulty, the Geneva Pact, prevents signatory nations from "dumping" products on other member nations.

It specifies that a country cannot subsidize its exports if the subsidy works against "fair" competition from other sources of supply; unless the product is subsidized to the same extent on the domestic market.

The Government therefore could not buy up stocks of bacon and cheese, sell them at a low price on the foreign market and absorb any loss without allowing the domestic price to fall to the same level as the export price.

If Canada did follow this pattern of trade and other countries which also wanted to get into the U.K. market, such as the United States and Denmark protested, Canada would find herself in hot water with the 32 other members of the international trade pact.

Coming Events

- Christmas Concert, Clinton Hall, December 21st.
- Mount Mellick Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 21st.
- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Christmas Concert in Millview Hall, December 22nd.
- Concert-dance, Grandview Hall Thursday, December 22.
- Regal Flour now \$5.50 per lb. at McGuigan & Boyle.
- Kelvin Grove Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 22nd.
- Union Road (Queen's) Christmas concert, Dec. 21st.
- Argyle Shore School Concert, December 21st.
- DeSable Christmas Concert, December 25th.
- Kinkora School Concert, Tuesday, December 20th, at 8 P. M.
- Glenaladale School concert, Tracadie Hall, December 22.
- Kelvin Grove Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 22nd.
- Christmas Concert, Emerald Hall, December 21st. Curtain 8.30.
- New Glasgow School Christmas Concert, December 23rd.
- Frederickton School Concert, December 21st, 8 P. M.
- Brackley Point School Concert, Howe's Hall, December 23rd.
- Concert, New Haven, December 2nd.
- Nine Mile Creek Christmas School Concert in Afton Hall, Wednesday, December 21st.
- Sturgeon School Christmas Concert, Sturgeon Hall, Wednesday, December 21st.
- St. Ignatius School concert in Mayfield Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. Admission 35 cents.
- Christmas Concert in French River Hall, December 21st, beginning 8.30 P. M.
- Pownal School Concert, Pownal Hall, Tuesday, December 20th, 8 P. M.
- Springsvale Christmas Concert, December 21st, in school. Sale of candy.
- Springsvale Christmas Concert and Dance, Lot 65 Hall, Thursday, December 22nd, at 8 P. M.
- Come to the Christmas concert in Brackley School, Wednesday, Dec. 21.
- Come to Concert in Summersville School, December 21st. Admission 15 cents.
- Reserve December 23rd. Concert in Cross Roads School, 7.30 P. M.
- Borden School Concert, in Town Hall, December 21st, 7.30 P. M.
- South Granville School Christmas Concert in North Granville Hall, Tuesday, December 20, if stormy following Friday.

Heavy Gales Cause Damage In Scotland

GLASGOW, Dec. 19 (Reuters)—Gales of up to 80 miles an hour swept ships ashore, halted air and sea transport and left a trail of havoc along the west coast of Scotland last night and today.

Thirty fishing boats at Loch Fyne were washed ashore and severely damaged. Two steam lighters went aground at Loch Indall and in Gort Bay.

In Fairlie Roads, a 5,000-ton cargo vessel which was towed from Casablanca 10 days ago with engine trouble was swept from her moorings.

Air services in Scotland and sailings from the Firth of Clyde were cancelled. Shipping all along the Scottish west coast was at a standstill.

Fire Destroys C.N.R. Mail Car

DALHOUSIE JUNCTION, N. B., Dec. 19 (CP)—Several hundred bags of Christmas mail, destined for Canadian points west of the Maritimes, were burned here tonight when fire destroyed a mail car of the Canadian National Railway's Scotian Express, bound from Halifax to Montreal. About 300 bags of mail were salvaged.

Smoke came from the car as the train pulled into the station. Flames broke out when the car disconnected and shunted to a siding, where open fire-fighting facilities were available and the car was quickly consumed.

Most of the lost mail was believed to have been parcels of Christmas presents and catalogues. Officials could not say immediately if it originated from authorities said that inclusion of inflammable materials in Christmas parcels caused one or more fires almost every year.

Manstein Appeals Prison Sentence

HAMBURG, Dec. 19 (CP)—Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, Hitler's ace wartime commander on the Eastern Front, appealed today against a 30-year prison sentence pronounced on him earlier today.

A British military court convicted him on nine charges and acquitted him of eight others. All referred to alleged atrocities by German troops under his command in Russia and Poland.

No normal appeal court exists to a military court and the appeal is largely a formality, but Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles Keightley, British commander-in-chief on the Rhine, has still to review and, if necessary, confirm the findings and sentence of the seven-man court.

Manstein listened in a daze to the one-minute verdict. It seemed to stun the 62-year-old, white-haired, half-blind soldier to whom the sentence is virtually a life term.

He had entered the court almost jauntily, one hand in his pocket and looking up smilingly to his wife and son in the gallery, as he had done during the four-month trial.

Then he went red in the face when he heard the verdict. He swayed, and two officers touched him on the arm and led him away from the packed and silent court. As he left, Manstein turned to wave again to his wife and son.

Shanghai Is Changed City Under Communism

(By Fred Hampson)
PUSAN, Korea, Dec. 12 (Delayed)—(AP)—Six months of Communism has made marked changes in Shanghai, the great city of the East that was built by the West.

Old China hands say the same Shanghai never was the same. Territoriality were abolished with the Japanese surrender.

Even under the Chinese Nationalist regime, which tried to follow Western lines in administration, the city changed vastly in character after 1945.

In six months under the Communists it has changed even more. Whether for better or worse depends on your point of view.

Shanghai still is crowded, but not as it was before the Reds captured it. Traffic is still heavy, but it is not one-fifth what it used to be.

Automobiles vanished by the thousands when the price of gasoline went to \$3 (U.S.) a gallon and municipal licences were put as high as \$50 a month.

Cars which in 1948 sold for \$4,000 or \$5,000 went begging at \$300 and \$400 each.

As the cars disappeared, rickshaws and pedicabs (bicycle contrivances) appeared in great numbers and still jam the streets. Traffic still is still snarl, but it is of men, not machines.

Shanghai now has a negligible number of foreign residents. Of a total population that still is about 5,000,000, only about 10,000 are foreigners. The trend is still outgoing.

Shanghai has been rated as the most modern city on the Asiatic mainland, but it was a Western product. It has proved an inheritance that the Chinese never have been quite able to run.

The Communists say they intend to make China self-sufficient. If they should, they will not need Shanghai. When it ceases to be a gateway for commerce it becomes an expensive liability.

With trade stagnant, the city already is a millstone around the neck. Efforts are continuing to move its population to productive areas, but for every person who is moved out, two seem to wander back.

Boy Killed By Giant Jellyfish

BRISBANE, Australia, Dec. 19 (AP)—Brian Andrew McNamara, 10, was attacked and killed yesterday by a giant jellyfish at North Mission Beach, 17 miles east of Tully, in North Queensland. The boy's father pounded and kicked the thing in a desperate but futile effort to save his son's life.

Best Christmas Since War For Western Europe

LONDON, Dec. 19 (CP)—Western Europe is due for the merriest Christmas since the war.

Food rationing has practically disappeared, except in Britain, Scandinavia and the Netherlands. But "backbook rationing" has taken its place.

Britain, despite the lurking shadow of austerity, is making a brave show of donning the traditional festive mantle. The quantities of rationed foods have been raised somewhat during the last year, and there are special allotments for Christmas. Food Ministers promised a "limited quantity" of pork, hitherto almost unobtainable. His office added there will be far more turkey than last year. Poultry is on free sale, but expensive.

In London's Trafalgar Square, a towering Christmas tree, annual from Norway since the war, is lit up every night. There are lighted Christmas trees in a dozen London parks.

In France, Italy, Belgium, Sweden and Western Germany even the few rationed items are plentifully available on more-or-less "free markets."

Norway, like Britain, still rations meat, butter, margarine, eggs, sugar and coffee. But special Christmas allotments will be enough for an old-fashioned feast. Denmark still has some restrictions too, though fewer than Norway.

Italians are looking forward to a boost in their economy from holy year visitors to help pay for their unrationed but expensive Christmas cheer. The first groups of pilgrims are already arriving.

Most Italian families of the upper and middle classes will have their small feast. But for many of the impoverished still living in caves and one-room hovels, Christmas will bring no special feast—they will be lucky to get a good meal.

West Germans will enjoy their happiest Christmas since the war—despite high prices and relatively low wages. This year there will be more to eat and drink, and an abundant selection of toys.

4 MORE SHOPPING DAYS
YE OLD CHRISTMAS SPIRIT CHECKS BUT DOES NOT INEBRIATE!

Two Robberies Within Minutes In Ont. Village

BURFORD, Ont., Dec. 19 (CP)—With two robberies within the space of minutes, one accompanied by gunfire, lawlessness in a wild-west fashion came to this normally peaceful Brant County village today.

Four whisky-drinking men brought most of Burford's 700 citizens into the streets in a \$2,000 hold-up of the Bank of Toronto and a robbery at Baisdon's hardware store where one bandit harked out with guns ablaze.

The four, who escaped despite police roadblocks throughout the County, fled in a stolen taxi whose driver they robbed of \$20 and left tied to a tree.

John Gardiner, 30-year-old cab driver from Brantford, said the men hired him in Brantford. They forced him to drive them to gunpoint most of the 10 miles to Burford.

Police said the bandits parked near the bank, then walked back about 100 feet to the hardware store. There they robbed Fred Baisdon of rifles and shotguns and ordered the storekeeper to load them. As customers came in, they were herded to the rear of the store.

Harry Miller, a customer, said one bandit fired four shots which forced him to only slight changes in the weather, though in most regions the temperature will be lower.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Tuesday:

Prince Edward Island—Cloudy with occasional drizzle. Coldest Light winds. Low and high at Charlottetown 30 and 38.

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TORONTO, Dec. 19 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 26-32; Edmonton 18B-26; Regina 1B-1; Winnipeg 9-13; Toronto 37-37; Ottawa 32-37; Montreal 34-39; Quebec 29-35; Saint John 46-50; Moncton 37-46; Halifax 50-52; Charlottetown 38-44; Sydney 34-48; Yarmouth 35-50; St. John's 22-43.

HALIFAX, Dec. 19 (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax tonight:

Synopsis: The extremely mild air which covered the southern region Monday morning has now been replaced by air which is colder but in which temperatures are still above normal. Much colder air covers most of Quebec. Winds are light throughout the district and the air is quite moist. The result is cloudy skies and occasional drizzle in the southern regions, and snow along the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The cold air is pushing slowly southward across Quebec, but it is not expected to penetrate the Maritimes Tuesday. Consequently there will be only slight changes in the weather, though in most regions the temperature will be lower.

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PICKED WRONG PICTURE

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 19 (AP)—A Prague man who pushed his foot through a picture of Joseph Stalin was arrested today, eye-witnesses of the incident reported. The man said he was in a hurry and stumbled through the picture, spectators said.