

SETTLEMENT OF RAILWAY WAGE DISPUTE ANNOUNCED

Britain Contracts For More Red Meat From Argentina

(By Ken Botwright)
LONDON, Dec. 19.—(Reuters)—Britons, who have almost forgotten that roast beef tastes like, received glad tidings today. They will get more red meat from Argentina after the new year. Under a new trade agreement Britain will get 250,000 tons of beef from Argentina next year. The agreement will fix the price of beef at £16 a ton—27.8 per cent higher than this year's price of £126.

The news was welcome but cold statistics showed that Argentina's augmented exports may only mean an extra forkful or two of meat a week. And just when those steaks still on the pampas will find their way into British frying pans is apparently anybody's guess.

A Food Ministry spokesman said tonight that statistically Buenos Aires' announcement means that Britain will be importing more than twice as much meat—some 144,000 tons more—from the Argentine as she did this year.

But even twice the present ration is not much. At present, the ration buys a meagre 23 cents worth—three good-sized chops or a medium steak—a week.

Argentina's contribution will only be a small fraction of Britain's total yearly requirements (1,500,000 tons in 1952). Most of this country's meat—at least 1,000,000 tons this year—is home-killed.

This year Britain imported most of her overseas meat from New Zealand 360,000 tons. Other foreign meat sources: Argentina, 106,000 tons; Australia, 20,000; other sources, 17,000 tons.

Today's announcement climaxed 11 months of heated negotiations. The agreed price of £161 was a compromise. Argentina had been trying to get the price jacked up at least 50 per cent above last year's price of £126.

Study Settlement Of Textile Strike

QUEBEC, Dec. 19.—(CP)—Labor Minister Barrette announced tonight that the Associated Textile Company and the Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor have agreed to study a formula aimed at settlement of the nine-month textile strike at Louiseville, Que.

Mr. Barrette said he has been asked by both sides to draft a four-point proposal, scheduled to be considered Monday.

Gerard Picard, president of the CCLC, described the proposal as "interesting." J. B. Germain, labor relations director for the company, offered no comment.

Appeals For Austrian Treaty

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 19.—(AP)—An appeal to the Big Four powers to make new and urgent attempts to conclude an Austrian independence treaty was approved today by 48 of the United Nations political committee's 60 members.

The General Assembly, speeding its work in a determined effort to reach by Sunday, was expected to approve the appeal with little debate. This would throw the moral weight of the UN behind the plea, but its backers gloomily admit it will have little result in view of the stubborn refusal of the Soviet Union to agree on a treaty.

The Russians curtly announced they were not participating in the roll-call vote. Their four Communist satellites echoed that declaration. Pakistan and Afghanistan abstained. Delegates of five countries, El Salvador, Iceland, Lebanon—which was a sponsor of the appeal—Saudi Arabia and Yemen were absent.

Canada backed the appeal.

France To Make Protest To The U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(Reuters)—France shortly will deliver a still formal protest to the United States against what it describes as interference with the internationally-recognized "rights of seamen" by new U. S. immigration regulations, it was learned today.

The French cabinet has taken up the question of the McCarran Immigration Act following a protest by more than 1,000 crew members of the French liner Liberté.

The men object to being questioned by U. S. immigration officials about possible past connections with Communism. They contend they should not have to answer questions asked by a foreign official on a French ship about a foreign (U.S.) law.

The French cabinet has instructed the embassy here to deliver a formal protest to the U. S. Government saying the new regulations constitute interference with traditional freedom of movement of seamen in foreign ports.

Claxton Home Today To Face Storm Over Report

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—(CP)—Defence Minister Claxton returns home tomorrow to get set for a revival of the parliamentary row that has brought on his removal from all three Opposition parties in the Commons.

As one of two Cabinet Ministers attending the Atlantic Pact Council meeting in Paris, he missed the turbulent three-day debate on the

Currie report that dominated the Commons before it adjourned Wednesday night for the Christmas recess.

Mr. Claxton has had a copy of the Currie report for roughly a week and has been informed by cable and telephone of the storm that has brewed up in Parliament. It is about as big a storm as he has been involved in in six years—the sixth anniversary of his appointment fell a week ago today—as Defence Minister.

The report describes a "general breakdown" in control of the Army's Works Services and an indifference to administration and a haste-before-cost attitude among "higher-ups" in the Defence Department.

The parties in Opposition have urged Prime Minister St. Laurent at least to shift Mr. Claxton to another department and have called for an independent inquiry into the whole Defence Department.

The Government has lauded Mr. Claxton and indicated that it will simply refer the report to the Commons committee on defence expenditures soon after the session starts again Jan. 12.

Between his return and the reopening of the House, Mr. Claxton is expected to prepare a statement for Parliament on the report and to see what more can be done to implement its 44 recommendations.

Authoritative quarters say there is slight chance Mr. Claxton will be asked to resign by Mr. St. Laurent. They say the Prime Minister's confidence in his Defence Minister remains unshaken.

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Ridgway Critical Of Sharp Cut In Defence Building

By Tom Masterson
PARIS, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The North Atlantic Ministers' decision to slow the Western European defence buildup was criticized today by Gen. Matthew Ridgway, whose advice they ignored.

Obviously irked, the Supreme Allied Commander declared "there can be no excuse for any slackening of effort in the rapid building of NATO defenses" in the face of a continued threat of war.

Ridgway deplored economy moves of the North Atlantic Council in a talk before 53 army, navy and air force officers making up the second graduating class of the Nato Defence College.

"We do not know how long we shall be the Kremlin's target, marked for attack by war... at a time of its own choosing," he said.

"Thirteen member nations, including Canada, wound up a four-day meeting yesterday. The council cut in half the call by Ridgway for \$428,000,000 to build more air bases and other installations in 1953.

In London, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, commenting on Ridgway's speech, said today the Allies—their economies already strained by defence efforts—did the right thing.

The chairman of Nato's building committee, Finance Minister Thorvald Kristensen of Denmark, said one reason for the cut was the fact a backlog of almost \$800,000,000 naval works and other defence installations remains to be spent.

Airmen Receive Awards For Bravery At S'side



The above picture shows Group Captain A. G. Kenyon, C.D., commanding officer at R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside congratulating from left to right, F/O L. D. Temple, F/O C. C. Spicer, and F/L J. T. Dalton, in connection with their heroic rescue efforts at the time of the crash of the R.C.A.F. Lancaster aircraft at Summerside Station last April.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—(CP)—Award of the Queen's commendation for brave conduct to four Canadian airmen who pulled a number of men to safety following an R. C. A. F. crash at Summerside, P. E. I., last April, was announced tonight by Air Force Headquarters.

The announcement said the Queen has approved the awards to Flt. Lt. J. T. Dalton, 30, Newswaste, N. B.; F/O C. C. Spicer, 26, Parrsboro, N. S.; F/O L. D. Temple, 33, Toronto; and Flight Cadet B. G. Hatton, 19, Toronto.

The accident occurred April 25 when a Lancaster, attempting to land, crashed on the airfield at Summerside, killing four and injuring nine others of its crew.

The four officers arrived at the scene minutes after the accident. Disregarding their own safety they proceeded to pull crew members from the burning wreckage.

The citations disclosed how F.O. Spicer, Flight Cadet Hatton and F/O Temple pulled a number of injured crew members from the rear of the burning plane, but finally had to desert because of the intense heat.

Flt. Lt. Dalton donned an asbestos suit and attempted to reach some members of the crew trapped in the blazing forward compartment.

He got as far forward as the bomb bay through a maze of distorted wreckage and exploding oxygen bottles. At that point the intense heat penetrated even the asbestos suit and drove him back.

"Although unsuccessful in his efforts to rescue the ill-fated crew member, Flt. Lt. Dalton's gallant and heroic actions under the circumstances are worthy of high praise," the citation said.

F/O Temple, with utter disregard for his personal safety entered the burning aircraft, and remained there until all who could be assisted were removed to safety. His heroic action was instrumental in saving several lives.

F/O Spicer, also with utter disregard for his personal safety, entered the burning aircraft, and by his assistance to two of the occupants was instrumental in saving their lives.

The men named in the announcement, with the exception of F/O Hatton, who has since been released, are still attached to the Summerside Station.

The award takes the form of a single brown oak leaf emblem denoting award of Queen's commendation, and is worn on the uniform following ribbons of any previously granted British award.

Officer From S'side Has Important Job In Japan

By Bill Boss
Canadian Press Staff Writer
KURE, Japan, Dec. 19.—(CP)—The Canadian Army is reorganizing its administrative set-up in the Far East, the Canadian Press has learned.

The reorganization involves the responsibilities of Brig. M.P. Bogert, Brig. R. E. A. Morton and Col. Willis Moogk.

Kure and all base area and line-of-communication units are to report to Bogert's over-all command. Those not in the Brigade area will be placed under Moogk, who will acquire the additional titles of Commander, Canadian Section, British Commonwealth Forces in Korea, and Commander, Canadian Lines-of-Communications Units, Far East.

Lt.-Col. Leith Crue of Summerside, P. E. I., present commander of L. of C. units, will continue in the same job but with a new title.

Other units over which Moogk will have jurisdiction will be 28 Canadian reinforcement groups, under Lt.-Col. Gus Taschereau of Montreal, and No. 1 Canadian Administration Unit, under Lt.-Col. Robert Taylor of Calgary.

Morton's functions will be fourfold:

1. Representative at Gen. Mark Clark's headquarters of the Canadian joint chiefs of staff, whose liaison officer he is in effect.
2. Representative at Clark's headquarters of Lt.-Gen. G. G. Simons, chief of the Canadian General Staff.
3. Military adviser to Arthur Menzies, Charge d'Affaires of the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo.
4. Bogert's representative at Clark's headquarters.

The object is to increase the efficiency of army elements in Korea and in Japan. Previously the top responsibility for them has not been clearly defined.

Bogert, commander of the 25th Canadian Infantry brigade, also is senior Canadian officer in the Far East.

While Brig. J. M. Rockingham held the post the policy was that the commander in Korea would have over-all authority over all units in Korea and Kure, Japan, where administration, training and reinforcement units for the Canadian force are located.

Not Satisfactory

That wasn't satisfactory, since the commander was preoccupied with operational matters. When Bogert assumed command last April army headquarters in Ottawa placed under the military mission in Tokyo all units in Japan and Korea which were not an integral part of the brigade.

That didn't work either. Tokyo, in travelling time, was even further from Kure than brigade headquarters in Korea were Bogert found that he was having to send Moogk, who had been appointed his colonel-in-charge-of-administration, to Kure to implement his policy.

During the recent visit to the theatre of Maj.-Gen. H. A. Sparling, vice-chief of the Canadian General Staff, Bogert suggested the policy shortly to go into effect.

Men Plead Guilty To Theft Of Safe; Women Innocent

GLACE BAY, N. S., Dec. 19.—(CP)—Three Toronto men charged with the Dec. 14 theft here of a safe containing \$7,500 pleaded guilty today but their three female companions entered pleas of innocence.

Remanded until Dec. 27 for sentence were Charles W. Giffin, 22; Ralph A. F. Connolly, 23; and Thomas A. MacDonald, 28, all native Nova Scotians who have been living in Toronto for several years.

Most of the money, taken from a downtown Metropolitan Store, has been recovered.

Caught with the three in an Ontario-bound car near Gagetown, N. B., were Mrs. Charles W. Giffin, 20, Irene Kyle, 18, a native of Port Albert, Ont., who said she was Connolly's wife, and Mrs. James Mair, 28, Toronto.

They were remanded to jail to await trial Dec. 27.

The six have also been charged with theft of a safe containing \$955 at Sackville, N. B. Police said about \$415 of the money was recovered.

Navigation Closes On Great Lakes

By The Canadian Press
The friendly beacons of the Great Lakes lighthouses are going out. Another fresh water navigation season is ending.

The shipping season officially will close tonight at midnight, one of the latest dates on record. Wintery gales will soon make the lakes impassable.

Within the next few days, light-house keepers will be taken from their lonely vigils and warning buoys will be hauled up to avoid damage from winter ice.

At ports dotting the shores of the five lakes which comprise the great inland seas freighters are tying up. They will be refitted and made shipshape for the 1953 season. The good weather prevailing during the last two months prompted shipping officials to extend the season five days beyond the Dec. 15 deadline. It gave lakehead ports an opportunity to ship a near-record amount of grain.

Shipments this year totalled 450,000,000 bushels, far outstripping last year's 317,000,000 bushels. But it fell short of the 1945 record of 483,700,000 bushels.

New Agreement Confirms Increase From Sept. 1; Contract Will Run Year

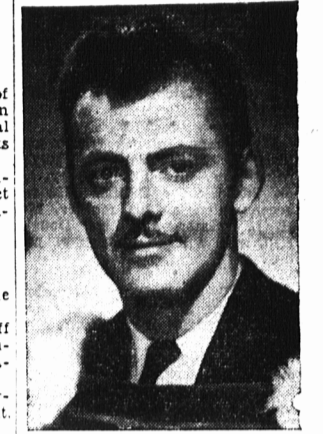
MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—(CP)—Settlement of the big railway-union wage dispute was announced late today.

A joint announcement from the railways and 17 brotherhoods said they have agreed to a wage increase of seven per cent plus seven cents an hour for 144,000 non-operating employees, effective retroactive to Sept. 1 last.

This is the average increase of 16 cents an hour recommended in the majority report of a federal conciliation board several weeks ago.

The majority report recommended that the new contract take effect from the date of ultimate settlement.

New Supervisor For Vocational Training School



Mr. W. S. McMurtry (above) yesterday was named supervisor of the Vocational Training School succeeding Mr. Ralph MacLean, who has resigned. The announcement was made following a meeting this week of the Executive Council.

The new supervisor has been Director of Farm Improvement Service in the Department of Industry and Natural Resources for the past two years. A native of Yarmouth, N. S., he received his early education there, and then took the last two years of his high school course at the Saint John Vocational School. Later he served a five-year apprenticeship as a marine engine draughtsman in the Saint John Drydock and Shipbuilding Company.

Mr. McMurtry joined the Canadian Navy as engine room stoker in 1942 and sometime later was with the Naval Commandos. After the war he attended Nova Scotia Agricultural College and also served there as instructor for two years before going to Macdonald College to study agricultural engineering, obtaining his degree from McGill University. He then joined the Dominion Department of Agriculture Marshland Rehabilitation Administration before coming to this Province two years ago.

Mr. Ralph MacLean, whom he succeeds, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan MacLean, Tyne Valley, where he attended school. He then attended Prince of Wales College and Acadia University, receiving his B.A. degree in 1938. Following graduation he spent a year on the home farm before coming to this city to teach as vice-principal at Prince Street School. He later joined the teaching staff at Prince of Wales College where he taught botany and agriculture.

Three years ago he entered the Navy as a Lieutenant in the Instructor Branch at H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte. He is leaving his present position to take up continuous naval duty as Personnel Selection Officer. He is married to the former Miss Katherine Carson of this city and the couple have seven children, two boys and five girls.

Text Of Statement

Here is the text of the brief announcement of settlement:

"It was announced today by the railways and the 17 non-operating unions that settlement has been reached providing for a wage increase of seven per cent plus seven cents per hour effective from Sept. 1, 1952.

The new agreement, which is for one year from Dec. 1, 1952, provides for a check-off arrangement for the collection of union dues which is applicable to all employees in the bargaining unit to whom the agreement applies.

The details necessary for application of the check-off arrangement are being worked out.

Today's settlement followed two top-level meetings between President Donald Gordon of the CNR and President W. A. Mather of the CPR and Frank Hall, chairman of the unions' general negotiation committee, and other union leaders.

The settlement announcement was issued from today's session.

\$75 To \$90 In Back Pay

Their statement did not indicate when back pay resulting from the retroactive clause of the agreement will go to the employees.

A railway spokesman said the 16-cent raise works out to about \$25 to \$30 a month for the individual employee, depending on his wage classification. This would mean that each employee has about \$75 to \$90 in back pay coming to him.

Frank H. Hall, chief spokesman for the unions, told reporters later he regarded the settlement as a "very good" agreement. Railway officials could not be reached for comment.

Toronto Expects Green Christmas

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—(CP)—The weatherman doesn't think there will be a white Christmas in this area. Fred Turnbull, chief of Meteorological Service, said no snow is expected. Since 1908, there have been 30 white Christmases in Toronto.

Allied Planes Hit Red Troop Area Hard Blow

SEOUL, Dec. 20.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Allied fighter-bombers blew a Communist troop area into a pile of smouldering lumber Friday in their campaign to destroy rear-zone barracks and supplies.

United States Sabre jets swept Mig alley deep in North Korea, damaging one Mig jet in a dog-fight between four Sabres and four Migs. Allied losses, if any, will be announced next week-end.

A flurry of light Communist probes hit the punchbowl area in the eastern front in another day of minor activity on the ground.

Separated Twins Cling To Life After Operation

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The now-separated Brodie Siamese twins clung tenaciously to life today despite "continuous complications" confronting specialists striving to pull them through the crisis.

A spokesman said the University of Illinois said doctors are meeting with "continued complications" requiring constant attention.

The constant issued a bulletin saying there had been little change in the case of 18-month-old Rodney Dee and Roger Lee Brodie since Thursday afternoon, and that Roger remains "very precarious."

Roger is the twin deprived of the

MORE SHOPPING DAYS

I TELL YOU THE STRAIN IS BEGINNING TO TELL!

HALIFAX, Dec. 19.—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Saturday with an outlook for Sunday:

Synopsis: An area of high pressure over the Great Lakes is drifting eastward, and westerly winds will continue to bring dry air to the Maritimes. The weather is forecast to remain fine on Saturday and Sunday.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness. Little change in temperature. Light winds westerly 15. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 13 and 25. Outlook for Sunday—Sunny.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:05 A. M. and 1:41 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 8:21 A. M. and 7:53 P. M. Sun rises today at 7:48 A. M. and sets at 4:34 P. M.

Coming Events

- Christmas concert, Harrington Hall, December 22nd.
- Stanchel School Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
- Frederick School Concert, Monday, December 22nd.
- Now in stock, Stanfield's Wool Underwear. W. I. Bowman.
- Kingston School Concert, December 22nd.
- Come to Christmas Concert in Morell Hall, December 22nd.
- Come to Stanley Bridge School Concert Tuesday, December 23rd.
- Emerald Christmas concert in Emerald Hall, Dec. 23, 8:00 p.m.
- Christmas concert, Brooklyn school, December 22.
- Glenadale School Concert, Tracadie Hall, December 22nd.
- Christmas concert, Victoria Hall, Monday, Dec. 22nd.
- Christmas Concert, Mermald School, December 23rd.
- Dance, Bonshaw Women's Institute Hall, December 26th. Sale of lunches.
- Bonshaw Christmas Concert in Institute Hall Monday, December 22nd.
- Unloading Old Sydney coal at Milton today and Monday. Vernon Gillespie.
- Unloading car of Old Sydney coal at Milton Station today. Norris Kitson.
- Kinkora Hall, Christmas Operetta and Carols, Monday, December 22nd, at 8 P. M.
- Farmers, ask about the Shu Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- Christmas Concert in North Wiltshire Hall Monday, Dec. 22nd at 7:30. Dance after.
- West Covehead School Concert, Community Hall, December 22nd, at 8:30.
- Freetown Christmas Concert, Freetown Hall, Monday, December 22nd.
- See St. Teresa's Christmas Concert in the Hall, Monday, December 22nd.
- Christmas concert, Protestant Orphanage hall, Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at 7:30. Public invited.
- Christmas dance, Beaver Hall, Montague, December 23rd. Don Messer's Orchestra.
- Pownal school concert in Pownal Hall, December 22nd at 8 p.m.
- Toronto Road School Concert in Mayfield Hall, Monday, December 22nd. Curtain 8.15.
- Crushing and mixing on Tuesday's and Saturday's. Concentrate on hand. A. Larsen.
- Emyvale Christmas concert in Lot 65 Hall, Monday, December 22nd. Dance after.
- Don't forget Brookfield Y. P. S. Christmas Concert, Brookfield Hall, December 23rd, starting at 8 o'clock. Aid of Oshime Fund.
- Will be shoeing horses on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday of each week. Earl Chappell, Breadalbane.
- To arrive — Car of Old Sydney Coal, Saturday, December 20th. Guaranteed delivery early orders. Dingwell & Rossiter, Morell.
- Don't miss South Winsloe Y. P. A. Pantry Sale and Fudge Table at Fennell & Chandler's today, 2 P. M.
- Loading Hogs at Summerside and Kensington, for Canada Packers Ltd., on Tuesday, December 23rd instead of on Thursday, due to the Christmas holiday. McEwen & Casley.
- Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., on Tuesdays rather than Thursdays during Christmas and New Year weeks. This means we shall be collecting on December 23rd, instead of December 25th, and on December 30th, rather than January 1st. Kindly list your hogs with us no later than the Monday previous to loading day. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River. D. L. McDowell, Fredericton. Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane. Sid McLean, Montague. Norman McKenzie, Cardigan.
- Buying live and dressed fowl and chicken. Contact us for pick up service. Smith Bros, Pownal. Phone 1 R-23.
- See New Annon Christmas concert in Travellers Rest Hall, Monday, Dec. 22nd. Curtain 8.15. Sale of candy.