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# MENDES-FRANCE WINS FIRST VOTES OF SERIES; STIFFEST BATTLE AHEAD

PARIS, (Reuters)—Premier Mendes-France cleared two hurdles in the way of ratification of the Paris treaties Monday night but a committee vote brought a new delay in the crucial decision on West German rearmament.

The premier won a vote of confidence from the National Assembly by a margin of 289 votes to 251 on the question of admitting Germany to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and scored another success when opponents withdrew an amendment delaying implementation of the treaties.

Then he asked the assembly's foreign affairs committee for permission to resubmit the key proposal providing German rearmament within the framework of the Western European Union—the proposal which was defeated in the assembly last Friday, bringing on the series of confidence votes by which the premier hopes to force through approval of the treaties.

Meeting early today, the committee rejected the proposal for resubmission of the WEU clause by a vote of 20 to 19 with two abstentions. That forced Mendes-France to ask the full assembly to reverse the committee's decision.

That meant an automatic 24-hour delay as assembly rules require a day to elapse before a proposal can be voted on.

If the assembly approves second reading of the WEU proposal, another day must pass before the vote on the proposal itself.

Mendes-France, in an eleven-hour appeal before Monday night's first vote, asked the assembly to maintain Western unity. To those who want talks with Russia before ratification, he said rejection of the treaties would make such a conference more difficult than ever.

ANTIGONISH, N. S. (CP)—Silver and Roberts Ltd., electrical contractors here, have been awarded a \$156,000 contract for the complete electrical work on the Canso causeway.

The firm will begin work immediately installing lighting for the causeway and wiring for the operation of the bridge and locks.

## 391 Die In U. S. Traffic Accidents Over Christmas

CHICAGO (AP)—American motorists set a ghastly record during the Christmas weekend, exceeding the pre-holiday prediction of the number of deaths that would occur in traffic accidents.

Of the 514 persons who died violently during the weekend, 391 were traffic victims. Both figures were records for a two-day holiday period.

While automobiles accounted for the great majority of accident victims, 63 persons died in fires during the 64-hour, two-day period. Falls, bullets, drownings and miscellaneous mishaps accounted for 60 others.

One fire which lashed out when kerosene was splashed in a wood stove took 12 lives at Parkin, Ark. The National Safety Council estimated several days before the holiday that 370 persons would be killed in traffic.

SHOCKING TOLL

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the council, said "certainly there must be a better way for a civilized nation to spend Christmas than by killing more than 500 innocent people on the highways and in their own homes. We can only hope that the shock of this toll will result in greater care, courtesy and common sense over New Year's."

The over-all hourly rate of accident deaths from 6 p. m. Friday to midnight Sunday throughout the U. S. was 9.44. This compared with 7.77 deaths an hour during the four-day observance of Independence Day in 1950 when 793 persons were killed by accidents.

## 25 Homes Buried In Landslide

CALI, Colombia (AP)—Dispatches reaching here Monday night reported at least 25 persons dead, scores injured and many left homeless by a landslide that engulfed 25 homes at the town of Quibdo on Colombia's Pacific coast.

The disaster occurred on Christmas Eve, wiping out roads and telegraph communications with the department's capital, Quibdo.

The 25 known dead were buried under tons of mud and stone loosened by recent rains in the towering Andes mountains.

Dispatches reaching Bogota said thousands had been left homeless during the past few weeks by slides in the Choco department, and a score or more persons were killed.

## Declares Teaching Today Better Than It Used To Be

TORONTO (CP)—A leader of Canadian teachers suggested Monday that critics of today's educational system "come out of their ivory towers" and realize that teaching today is better than it used to be.

Dr. L. P. Patterson of Montreal, president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation told 125 delegates to the annual meeting of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation that evidence disproved criticisms often levelled against new ways of teaching.

Education, instead of being confined to an "elite," now was offered to all children, and it was up to teachers to see to it that each child derived the greatest possible benefit.

REJECTS OLD IDEA

The old idea of laying down a strict academic curriculum and applying it to all students, regardless of their individual abilities, just isn't practical today, Dr. Patterson said.

As part of their new and broader duties, Dr. Patterson suggested, teachers should go out of their way to practise as well as preach democracy to help resist "the onslaught of communism and its sister under the skin, McCarthyism."

He also suggested teachers present a "Canadian" viewpoint, instead of a "colonial" one.

The federation, meeting here until Wednesday, set up a committee to investigate the position of rural teachers and seek ways to help them improve their qualifications. Delegates represent 5,000 members of the federation in all parts of Ontario.

## Fire Destroys Tenement At Dunstaffnage

A double tenement house at Dunstaffnage, occupied by Mr. Philip St. Germaine of Quebec and Wendell Ellis, was completely destroyed by fire last night.

The fire was discovered shortly after ten o'clock and a call for assistance was responded to by the Parkdale Fire Department, who were able to stop the spread of the blaze to other buildings in the vicinity.

The house was owned by Lloyd McCallum who resides nearby and put in the call for assistance. Firemen were aided by neighbours.

The blaze apparently started from an explosion in an oil-burning kitchen range in the St. Germaine side of the house. Mr. St. Germaine received burns on his hands, arms and face and was treated at the Charlottetown Hospital.

Very little furniture or personal effects was saved from either home. It was not known whether there was insurance on the building itself.

The fire broke out about 9 o'clock.

## Little Sick Girl Enjoyed Christmas

VICTORIA, (CP)—Carol Ann Lavigne had a happy Christmas at home with her family.

The tiny, blonde, eight-year-old leukemia victim whom doctors said might not be alive for Christmas, was as excited as any youngster when she awoke Christmas morning.

It was her second Christmas observance within a fortnight.

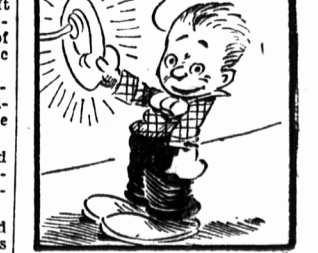
Because of a warning given by doctors earlier in the month, the family had one Christmas celebration two weeks early. Carol Ann, who knew it wasn't really Christmas, felt the family was playing a real joke on Santa Claus. She enjoyed that observance but enjoyed the real Christmas even more.

Doctors now hope Carol Ann will be able to survive for a period of months, Mrs. Gerry Lavigne said.

## WANT NEW CABINET POST

TORONTO (CP)—A request that a new Ontario cabinet post be set up to deal with farm marketing and co-operatives will be considered next week at the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. If approved, it will probably be sent on to the Ontario government.

## THANK GOODNESS I CAN ACT NATURAL AGAIN!



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	34	37b
Vancouver	34	39
Edmonton	10	34
Calgary	3b	26
Regina	3b	26
Winnipeg	9b	5
Toronto	28	40
Ottawa	33	35
Montreal	32	35
Quebec	20	29
Fredericton	22	36
St. John's	31	36
Moncton	26	33
Halifax	26	42
Charlottetown	27	33
Sydney	26	38
Yarmouth	37	45
St. John's	24	33

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says a large area of snow and rain over the Great Lakes is moving east more slowly than was forecast. As a result the wet weather will not reach the western regions until noon.

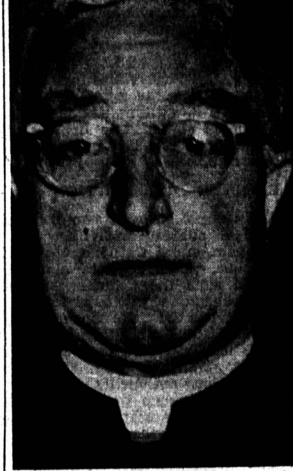
Prince Edward Island: Cloudy, intermittent wet snow beginning in the evening; mild; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 22 and 36.

New Brunswick: Cloudy with intermittent wet snow beginning in afternoon; mild; light winds. Low-high at Moncton and Fredericton 20 and 32, Saint John 28 and 32, Edmundston 15 and 25.

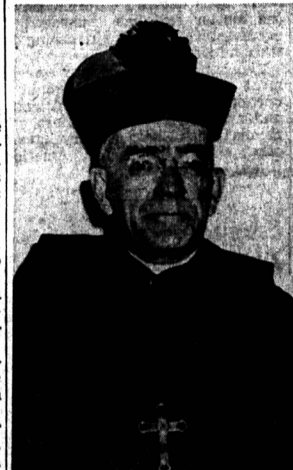
High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:24 p. m. Sun rises today at 7:51 a. m. and sets at 4:39 p. m.

## To Participate In Consecration

His Grace, Most Rev. J. Gerald Berry, Archbishop of Halifax Metropolitan, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, who will assist His Excellency, Most Rev. Guioanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada at the Consecration of Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, Bishop-elect of Charlottetown, which takes place in St. Ninian's Cathedral, Antigonish on Jan. 18.



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## \$30,000 Barn Fire In Meadowvale, Ont.

MEADOWVALE, Ont. (CP)—A \$30,000 barn fire Monday roasted to death 125 pigs and seven cows. Cause is believed to have been faulty wiring.

The blaze broke out in the 50-year-old barn of Ian Davidson, who owned the cattle. The pigs, valued at \$15,000, were owned by a neighbor, Robert Davy.

Meadowvale is about 15 miles northwest of Toronto.

## Russians Preparing For Annual Binge On Jan. 1

LONDON (AP)—The Russians are shopping today for the Soviet Union's Jan. 1 binge, a combination Christmas and New Year's day called "Novie God (new year)."

"On Novie God," goes an old Russian saying, "you comb out your barada (beard), take off your valinike (felt boots) and drain your botlika (bottle)."

It's the one non-ideological occasion of the year which the Communist party has been unable to take away from the people, or to horn in on directly.

## Woman's Blood Is Replaced

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## 1955 Looks Like Happy Year For N.B. Textile Town

MILLTOWN, N.B. (CP)—It looks like 1955 will be a happy new year for Milltown.

In operation two months as a co-operative, the textile mill now is expanding. Preparatory steps toward opening two additional departments were taken Monday.

Within two weeks another 100 employees will be going back to work, joining the 200 already there.

1954 closes, the co-op has enough orders on its books to keep the plant busy five months. One of them is from the federal government, for 144,000 yards of RCAF linings.

Tom Jones, Jr., president of the Milltown Textile Co-operative Ltd. said Monday night the mill has "lots of orders. . . it's been terrific, beyond our hopes."

Only a few workers went back into the mill Monday, in the initial stages of reopening the carding and spinning rooms. But in 10 days or two weeks, 100 will be working in these departments, Mr. Jones said.

## 88 Below In Siberia Sunday

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Officials of the Fairbanks weather bureau said Monday a report had been received from a Siberian weather station that the mercury across the Bering sea from Alaska dipped to 88 below zero Sunday night.

The World Almanac says the world's record for sub-freezing temperature was taken in February 1892 in the northern Siberian village of Verkhoyansk. It was 90 below. The coldest temperature recorded on the North American continent—82 below — was at Snag in the Yukon in 1947.

## Predicts Home Building Level To Continue High

TORONTO (CP)—Gordon S. Shipp, president of the National House Builders Association, predicted Monday a continued high level of house production across Canada in 1955.

He said construction on 97,428 new houses was started during the first 10 months of 1954 compared with 89,879 for the same period in 1953.

There will be about 65,000 completed units carried over into the coming year as against 59,967 carried forward into 1954, he said.

Mr. Shipp cited the following conditions as favorable to continued high level construction: a continuing high birth rate, the need of many families for larger quarters, and more generous financing offered by the revised National Housing Act.

## Find Mysterious System Of Brakes To Control Growth

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Discovery of a mysterious system of new brakes which helps control growth was described Monday to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Each organ of the body—blood system, kidney, liver and others—apparently produce these brakes. Each organ makes brakes which act only upon cells of that organ, not upon any others.

The brakes go to work to halt growth of the organ at a certain time. But they can also be released to permit new growth after injury or damage calling for new growth.

Dr. Paul Weiss of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, described the new evidence at a symposium touching upon mysteries of normal and abnormal growth, which includes cancer.

TINY MOLECULES

The brakes are apparently tiny molecules which the cells of an organ make, and then release into the blood stream or lymph fluid. They circulate, and can come back inside the cells of that organ.

When the red revolutionists eliminated the religious observance of Christmas, they discovered they could not do away with the spirit of the day. The people still decorate trees and give presents to the children. The Soviet Santa Claus is called "Grandfather Frost."

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## Two Boys Drowned When Ice Gives Away On River

KINGSTON, (CP)—Two Kingston boys were drowned Monday when the ice gave way beneath them as they walked across the frozen Cataract river.

Donald Kotomych, 13, and his eight-year-old playmate Billy Croud were on their first hunting trip with a .22-calibre rifle given to the Kotowych boy as a Christmas present.

They were walking across the river near Belle Isle, on Kingston's eastern boundary, when the ice broke.

Tommy Bridgen, 19, of Kingston, who was hunting on the island, heard the young boys shouting and crawled on to the ice.

Bridgen slipped into the icy waters and swam towards the youngsters, carrying his rifle with him. When he was close enough, he held the rifle out to Kotowych but the boy disappeared below the surface. Young Billy had already been swept away.

## Potato Dealers Report On Current Market Outlook

In response to numerous requests for comment on the present potato market, the P. E. Island Potato and Turnip Dealers Association has prepared the following report from sources usually deemed reliable.

"The potato market across the continent is slowly recovering from the shock it received when the December crop report was issued in Washington on December 17. With the details of the increase now known to the trade, it turns out that the increase is very largely in the Pacific coast areas, and is the result of a change in last years report and a corresponding increase in the 1954 estimates on the new basis. The U.S. is still short 25 million bushels of potatoes compared to last year, and in addition the heavy cullage in Maine and the Red River Valley is bound to reflect on the market sooner or later.

"It should also be remembered that the Canadian crop is down 17 million bushels, and the movement of previous years of table potatoes to the South is now reversed and at many points U.S. potatoes are moving North into Canada. All of which should indicate that P.E.I. will profit most if the growers will move a portion of their crop each month for the next five months, thus supplying the demand for our potatoes but not crowding the market at any one period.

## Find Gossip Good Medicine

OSWESTRY, Eng. (CP)—Authorities at the Oswestry hospital have discovered a new medicine for their women patients that works wonders and does not cost a cent.

Gossip panels to relay to them the latest neighborhood goings on.

Volunteer "gossipers" move through the women's wards, spending 10 or 15 minutes to give each patient the latest birth, death and marriage news. Hospital officials said Monday it does the patients "worlds of good."

## Pope's Health Much Improved

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—The Vatican press service announced Monday that the health of the Pope has shown a "marked improvement" in the last few days.

"Since last Thursday he has been untroubled by hiccups and his health has been more satisfactory," the announcement said.

His daily outings in the Vatican gardens, begun last week to help the 78-year-old Pontiff regain his strength, have been lengthened and the Pope now is working and giving daily audiences to Vatican officials.

He spent most of Sunday working on a Christmas message to the world which he plans to publish in the next few days.

The Pope, who had another plasma infusion Monday morning, is suffering from a small hernia of the gullet and from gastritis.

## Montrealers Hope No Tax Increases

MONTREAL (CP)—Montrealers Monday took hope of an added year without tax hikes when Mayor Jean Drapeau declared himself in favor of scrapping the latest assessment roll.

The mayor said he favors a new roll to go into effect in two years—a timing that might coincide with possible results of a basic metropolitan area evaluation.

There already had been 35,000 complaints about the latest roll, which would have increased real estate taxes about 20 per cent, and the Quebec legislature "froze" it last year.

## Car And Plane In Collision

VERNON, B.C. (CP)—Three persons escaped with scratches near here Sunday when an aircraft was in collision with a car.

Involved were pilot Morris Garrett of Tranquille, B.C.; passenger George Desautels of Lumby, B.C.; and Albert Werner, quick-thinking on the scene. Cherryville, B.C., about five miles east of this Okanagan valley town.

RCMP said the carburetor of Garrett's single-engine plane iced, stalling the motor and forcing him to attempt an emergency landing on an icy strip of highway. Werner saw the plane was in difficulty and drove into the ditch to give a landing room.

The plane skidded into the ditch, tore off a wheel and wing, rammed the car from behind, glided up over it and landed in front of the vehicle. The pilot and passenger were treated for minor injuries.

## Coming Events

\*Card Party, Mt. Allison Legion Hall, December 29th, Luncheon.

\*Card Party and Dance, Corran Ban Hall, Wednesday, December 29th.

\*New Year's Eve Dance, Belfast Hall, sponsored by Mt. Buchanan Women's Institute, Door prize.

\*Card party and dance, Mt. Ryan Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 29. Cards 8 to 10. Burke's orchestra.

\*Owing to death in community the card party in Stanley Bridge on Wednesday night is cancelled.

\*Special Christmas dance, St. Andrew's hall, Mt. Stewart, Thursday, Dec. 30. Good music. Canteen service.

\*The annual meeting of the New London Presbyterian congregation will be held in the church on January 4th at 2 p.m. Tupper MacKay, secretary.

FULL OF SLOGANS

May 1 is a tremendous Soviet