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FIERCE FIGHTING REPORTED 28 MILES FROM SEOUL

Moncton Couple Killed in Head-On Auto Crash

Scotland Yard Asks Public Aid In Search For Stone Of Scone

LONDON, Dec. 26 — (CP) — Scotland Yard appealed to the country tonight for help in tracking down prowlers who stole the Stone of Scone, a priceless historic relic, from Westminster Abbey Christmas Day.

Baffled Yard officials asked the public to be on the lookout for the thieves and issued to newspapers some photographs of the 36-pound stone—on which 27 monarchs have taken their coronation oaths. Usually the Yard keeps silent about a case until it is ready to be cracked.

The stone is regarded as a symbol of the union of the crowns of England and Scotland. The origin is lost in legend, but for centuries before the stone was brought to London in 1296, it was used in the coronation of Scottish kings. Scots refer to it as their "Stone of Destiny."

Operating on the theory the theft was the work of extreme Scottish nationalists, police stopped all cars travelling through the north of England and in Scotland.

The dragnet failed to turn up any sign of a small British Ford car which police said had been parked near the Abbey about the time of the theft.

This and the damage caused to the coronation throne when the stone was detached from it and dragged through the Abbey all day, summed up the clues in the case.

There was speculation, however, that carving of the initials J.E.S. in the sliding along the front of the throne might be the work of the thieves.

The Dean of Westminster, Dr. Alan C. Don, said: "The disappearance of the stone is the most devastating thing which could have happened. It is impossible to put a value on it, for it is the most precious relic that we had and we shall never be happy until it is returned to us."

In Scotland, whence the stone was taken by King Edward I of England, leaders of the Home Rule Movement were jubilant but guarded in public comment.

The man-in-the-street reaction in Edinburgh was summed up by a Scottish editor as: "The stone belongs to Scotland, so its place is here and not in London."

Public officials, however, expressed the view that the return of the stone to Scotland ought to have been left to constitutional procedure.

J. U. Primrose, Lord Provost of Perth, said: "I take a very poor view of the taking away of the stone. . . it was taken to Scone, a little Scottish parish, by the country's first king, Kenneth I. That was in the ninth century. But the Celts from whom he took it already had worn it smooth as a coronation seat."

Sir Andrew Murray, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, expressed surprise that it should be assumed

that "some red-haired, red-whiskered Scot" had stolen the stone. And wasn't it astonishing that England, entrusted with its care under the 1707 Act of Union between England and Scotland, should have failed to look after it properly, he asked. But he deprecated the theft.

But Miss Wendy Wood, a leading Nationalist, remained as blunt as she had been Monday when she hailed the theft as "the greatest Christmas news in years."

She had run up the Scottish flag—iron rampant on yellow background—on the roof of her cottage in Argyllshire.

724 Holiday Deaths In U.S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 — (AP) — Observance of Christmas this year cost the United States a violent death toll of at least 724 persons during the three-day holiday.

Traffic mishaps took the greatest toll, 545, more than 100 above the number killed in traffic accidents during the 1949 Christmas holiday.

Another 179 lives were lost due to miscellaneous causes, including fires, drownings and falls. The death toll from both traffic and miscellaneous causes was reported from 6 p. m. local time Friday to midnight Monday. The 1949 Christmas total was 580, including traffic and miscellaneous accidents.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council of the U.S., which had estimated 440 persons would die in traffic mishaps this Christmas, termed the higher toll "a black Christmas indeed for America."

Only one state — South Dakota — escaped without a reported fatality that could be attributed to the Christmas observance.

Texas, with 83 fatalities — 47 from traffic alone — led the country in the number of persons killed by violence.

Can Hold Formosa, Nationalist Says

TORONTO, Dec. 26 — (CP) — China's Nationalist Government can hold Formosa, Dr. Cheng Yin-Fun said today.

Formerly adviser to the Nationalists' United Nations delegation, he is on a tour of North and South America enlisting aid for Chiang Kai-Shek's Government.

"I think Formosa can be held by the Nationalist Government because the Communists have lost, and are still losing much ground there," he said in an interview.

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Two inquests were held tonight. At Parrsboro one inquired into the causes of Mr. McCarthy's death. It

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Giant Exodus Underway As Reds Threaten Seoul

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 26 — (AP) — A fierce battle within 28 air miles of Seoul erupted Tuesday between Chinese Communist forces and South Korean troops again defending their capital and homeland.

Republic of Korea headquarters announced the action was "in progress" in the Korangpo area that is about two miles south of the 38th parallel and 10 miles east of the road and rail hub of Kaesong. There was no immediate indication of the size of the fight.

The battle may be the first in an overdue full-scale Chinese offensive which United Nations forces have awaited tensely for days. The attack had been expected Christmas eve.

Republican headquarters also reported that Red patrols were sparing with the defenders all along the R.O.K.-held section of the front lines.

Chinese and Korean Red forces are estimated to have 30 divisions of 300,000 or more men along or immediately to the rear of a 120-mile front running from west to east along the 38th parallel.

Exodus From Seoul

A giant new exodus of civilians began from Seoul Tuesday following a wave of Christmas Day rumors that the Chinese had begun their attack in force.

Associated Press correspondent William J. Vaughn said there was no panic but there was fear in the eyes of men, women and children alike as they streamed out of the city in long lines.

It was exactly six months ago today that Seoul first fell to the North Korean Red invaders. It was liberated Sept. 27 by U.N. forces.

A North Korean blow slaved at Chunchon, 45 miles northeast of Seoul, was turned back Tuesday and the situation there was better for the time being, R.O.K. headquarters said.

There are other indications that Communist forces may be as close as 21 miles from Seoul on the north-west hinge of the U.N. line. Gen. MacArthur's headquarters previously mentioned an "enemy force" of undisclosed size operating around Sinsan. The Reds used mortars there Saturday and sent out probing thrusts Sunday. There has been no subsequent reference to them or any clarification as to whether they were regulars or guerrillas.

Warning From Chinese

While a fitful war continued over the rest of the war front, the Chinese High Command broadcast a special warning again demanding all "foreign troops get out of Korea and Formosa."

The United Nations commander, Gen. MacArthur earlier had firmly

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Three operators in Central New Brunswick alone, said the spokesman, plan to ship some 150,000 cords to Quebec, the United States and Great Britain.

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Trygve Lie Urges U.N. Remain in Korea Even At Risk Of War With China

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 26 — (AP) — Trygve Lie said tonight that the United Nations must not give up in Korea even though this determined stand risks involvement in a war with Communist China.

If the U.N. is forced into war with China, he said, the blame will rest "upon those who have been pulling the strings and perhaps hoping for advantages through aggression."

Lie, who is vacationing in Norway, spoke over the Norwegian state radio network. He said he has not given up hope for a peaceful solution in Korea, but added that failure of the U.N. to stop the attack on South Korea would mean an end to U.N. hopes for achieving its aims in Korea or any other place.

The U.N. Secretary-General said the final goal of the U.N. in Korea is to promote a unified free community governed by the people and to make it possible for Korea to live in peace with her neighbors. He added: "The United Nations cannot go back on this standpoint and our goal. We cannot permit that."

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Explosive-Laden Ships Aground In Bedford Basin

HALIFAX, Dec. 26 — (CP) — Two ships, one loaded with 300 tons of dynamite and 35 tons of detonator caps, ran aground tonight in Bedford Basin, close to the navy magazine, three miles from the heart of Halifax.

The small freighter Americain and the ammunition aboard, started dragging her anchor and the converted sealing vessel Theron began taking aboard the explosives. High winds drove them both ashore as the dynamite and caps were being transferred.

The Americain arrived here a week ago from Suez, Quebec en route to South American ports. She is owned by Sam Marcus of Halifax. The Theron is owned by Christensen Canadian Enterprises Limited of Montreal.

The R.C.M.P. Marine section has ships in the area and an officer said, "We are keeping a close watch on things."

News Briefs

PARIS, Dec. 26 — (AP) — Recruiting of personnel already has started for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's international army headquarters, although it still has no home. It was learned today that secretaries were being hired.

DUBLIN, Dec. 26 — (AP) — The Republic of Ireland Government tonight ordered all banks closed for the remainder of the week because of a strike of 5,000 bank employees scheduled to begin tomorrow.

Atomic Expert Heads U.S. Task Force 77

TOKYO, Dec. 26 — (AP) — Gen. MacArthur's headquarters today announced assignment of Rear Admiral Ralph A. Ofsite, one of the United States Navy's top atomic experts, as commander of Task Force 77 off Korea.

Ofsite succeeds Rear-Admiral E. C. Ewen. He will have under his command the carriers Princeton, Valley Forge, Philippine Sea and Leyte—the last carrier force that took part in the successful withdrawal of U.N. forces from Huzungram.

Some Inventors Are Only Good At Inventing Excuses!

Minimum temperatures observed between 7:30 P.M. and 7:30 A.M. E.S.T. maximum temperatures between 7:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.:

Victoria 41, 43; Edmonton 16; Calgary 12, 28; Regina 23 below; Winnipeg 26 below; 3 below; Toronto 3, 12; Ottawa 21 below; 6 below; Montreal 12 below, 7 below; Quebec 12 below, 7 below; St. John's 18, 22; Charlottetown 2, 13; Sydney 18, 22; Yarmouth 15, 25; St. John's, Nfld., 33, 37.

HALIFAX, Dec. 26 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here tonight.

Synopsis: It was an extremely cold day over most of Eastern Canada. Temperatures over Northern New Brunswick remained below zero all day. The extremely cold weather will continue on Wednesday.

Snow is falling along the south coast of Nova Scotia. This snow is caused by a disturbance moving rapidly eastward to the south of the Province. Three to five inches of snow are expected during the night. On Wednesday Nova Scotia will experience generally fine weather as well as the rest of the Maritimes. However, snowflurries will continue along windward coasts.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Wednesday: Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with snowflurries. Very cold. Light winds. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 2 and 15.

High tide today at 1.31 P.M. Sun rises at 7.51 A.M. and sets at 4.37 P.M.

Supermoon tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden 9:10 A.M. 10:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 2:40 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Leave C.T. 10:35 A.M. 12:40 P.M. 2:40 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

Coming Events

**Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

**Lucky and his Eastern Rhythm Boys, Sunnyside Ballroom tonight.

**Pariety Concert and Dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Wednesday, December 27th.

**Annual meeting of Rice Point Farmers Institute, Dec. 28 at 8 o'clock in school.

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1,222 Drunks Jailed In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 — (AP) — Holiday drunkenness waned today after a three-day week-end that sent 1,222 drunks to jail in Los Angeles. More than 900 persons went to hospitals as a result of traffic accidents—and 11 to the morgue. Police said 382 of the drunks were driving cars when arrested.

Fatality Toll Mounts As Holiday Nears End

(By The Canadian Press)

Sixty-four Canadians died violently during the long Christmas week-end.

A Canadian Press compilation showed 41 deaths occurred in traffic mishaps, 22 of them in Ontario.

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Street Fares Up

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 — (CP) — Bus and street car tickets, now four for 25 cents, will go up three for a quarter beginning Jan. 2, the Ottawa Transportation Commission announced today. Cash fares will be 10 cents, compared with the present seven-cent fare.

Says Reds May Take Over Philippines

MANILA, Dec. 26 — (AP) — Maj.-Gen. Claire Chennault, wartime commander of the United States 14th Air Force, says the Philippines are in immediate danger of being engulfed by Communism. En route to Formosa, where he heads the China Air Transport Line, Chennault told reporters he is convinced the Philippines are included in the Red timetable of invasion.

Highway Accidents Reported In N.B.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 26 — (CP) — A Christmas night highway accident near Woodstock took a second life this afternoon when David Tompkins, young man from Canterbury, died in hospital. His brother, Lee, 18, died while being taken to hospital.

Another brother, Ross, and their father, Herbert, suffered less serious injuries when a car went out of control on an icy road. A sister, Pearl, and the driver, Douglas Brown, of Good's Corner, escaped with a shaking up.

No inquest will be held.

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The rivers give a clue as to how some stars are created, and indicate that more stars are continually being born.

Report Weather Was Not Factor in B.C. Air Crash

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 — (CP) — Officials of the Canadian Pacific Airlines today said that weather was not a factor in the crash of their DC-3 on Mount Okanagan.

The plane crashed last Friday, causing the death of the pilot and co-pilot. Fifteen passengers and the stewardess escaped injury.

The cause of the crash has not been determined—it may never be known—but a statement from the C.P.A. said that it has been determined by reports from other pilots that the weather was not unfavorable.

Thirty-five minutes after the aircraft crashed on the side of the snow-covered mountain, 200 miles east of Vancouver, a second flight from Vancouver landed at Pentticon, reporting good weather.

Pentticon was to have been the first stop for the ill-fated plane which was en route to Calgary, carrying Christmas holiday passengers.