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CURRIE REPORT DISCLOSES "SERIOUS" ARMY FLAWS

Suchan, Jackson Hanged Early This Morning Sets Stage For Battles In Commons

Hearings Underway On New Application For Freight Rates Boost

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Provincial governments today proposed to the Board of Transport Commissioners various means of applying a railway freight-rate increase to meet higher labor costs.

The eight provinces appearing before the Board of Transport Commissioners—all except Ontario and Quebec—offered no general objection to the idea that the railways need more money to pay a 16-cent-an-hour wage boost to employees.

But they took exception, in different ways, to the manner in which the carriers propose raising the \$48,451,000 a year. This is through a general freight-rate increase of nine per cent.

The Transport Board opened hearings on the nine-per-cent application today and, moving with unprecedented speed, heard the evidence of the railways and argument for the main parties before adjourning until tomorrow.

The railways argued the wage increase to non-operating employees in their acceptance of a federal conciliation board report recommending an average boost of 16 cents an hour for the 144,000 workers in this group. They are still in negotiation with the non-operating unions, who are asking more money.

Quebec Gov't To Seek Textile Strike Settlement

QUEBEC, Dec. 15 (CP)—Hon. Antonio Barrette, Quebec labor minister, announced today he will approach Associated Textiles Limited and its workers at Louiseville, Que., seeking settlement of a strike that erupted into violence last week.

Would Have 60 Top Speed For Cars

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Gordon Higgins (PC-St. John's East) today said in the Commons he thinks automobiles should be geared to a top speed of 60 miles an hour.

He said during the Throne Speech debate that between Jan. 1 and June 1 this year 655 high-speed fatalities have been reported in nine of the 10 provinces. If Quebec was included the figure probably would reach about 1,000.

"That's a serious matter. It's about time legislation was passed whereby speed of motor cars is kept at a safe level.

"I don't suggest that a governor be put on cars but I would demand that cars be geared down to a top speed of 60.

"If people want to go faster they can hire an airplane. By the time you hit 85 or 90 miles an hour on the highway you are about ready to take off anyway."

Pay For Murder Of Police Officer On Toronto Street

TORONTO, Dec. 15 (Tuesday)—(CP)—Steve Suchan and Leonard Jackson were hanged back to back early today for the murder of a Toronto detective.

The official hangman, wearing the traditional black hood, sprung the trap at 12:15 a.m.

There were only 10 witnesses to Toronto's first double hanging in 31 years. They marched in a solemn procession with the two condemned men down the "last mile"—in this case 25 paces of a Don Jail corridor.

Heading the procession was J. D. Conover, York County sheriff. He was followed by the condemned men, each flanked by two prison guards. Behind them in order came Rev. John Kelly, Roman Catholic priest, who spent the evening praying with the pair, Chief Coroner Smirle Lawson of Ontario, acting jail governors Archie Graham and Ralph Ayres. Bringing up the rear was the hangman.

Serious Security Collapse At Canadian Military Camps

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—The long-awaited Currie report today disclosed what is described as "a general breakdown" in control of an army branch concerned with an investment of \$750,000,000 in buildings and plant.

Within a short time after the sweeping document was tabled in the Commons, the CCF had charged that it was changed before it got to parliament and the Progressive Conservatives accused the government of unfairly hiding the fact they had it a week ago.

The house was amazed to hear a CCF spokesman say his party got hold of a copy "a few days ago" and that it doesn't jibe with the one tabled today.

The 74-page, 15,000-word report said a seven-months investigation of the army service found "a serious collapse in security," chaotic accounting arrangements, failure to follow up reports of unsatisfactory conditions, and a series of fabulous incidents at Camp Petawawa, Ont., which finally led to prosecutions and to the inquiry.

Mr. Knowles astonished the Government and Opposition when he said his party got hold of a copy of the report three or four days ago. It was handed in to the Defence Department a week ago and it was significantly different from the document tabled.

Mr. St. Laurent said he would investigate the possibility of two printings and also seek an explanation of how the report found its way to the CCF.

One cabinet minister was quoted as saying to some members privately that Mr. Currie "better check."

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Application For Third Boat At Wood Islands To Receive "Most Careful Consideration"

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Transport Minister Chevrier today said in the Commons the operators of a ferry service between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia have applied to the Canadian Maritime Commission to add a third vessel to the two now operating.

He said during the Throne speech debate that the Northumberland Strait ferry operators have taken this step on his advice. Their application will be given the most careful consideration.

Mr. Chevrier said the description of this commission by W. Chester McLure (PC-Queens) as a "buffer commission" isn't fair.

Mr. McLure had complained that P.E.I. interests suffered at the hands of the Federal Government and the Commission.

Mr. Chevrier said that in the last 11 years, the ferry operators received more than \$1,000,000 in subsidies, much of it on the recommendation of the Maritime Commission. Now the operators were seeking another ferry to add to those operating between Wood Island, P.E.I., and Caribou, N.S.

Mr. Chevrier said he also wants to assure A. M. Robichaud (PC-Gloucester) that the ferry being built to operate between Yarmouth, N.S. and Bar Harbor, Me., won't injure New Brunswick's tourist trade.

He said it is more likely to increase the tourist traffic since U.S. tourists will be able to enter New Brunswick, tour the province and leave by the Yarmouth ferry or enter through Yarmouth and return to the U.S. through New Brunswick.

He said to add Saint John to the ferry's ports of call would be uneconomical since it would mean adding overnight accommodation to the vessel.

Previous operators of ferries between the islands had received subsidies of \$100,000 a year.

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Conservatives Demand Inquiry By Commission

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—A Progressive Conservative spokesman tonight demanded a searching inquiry by an independent commission into Canada's armed forces setup.

Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, VC (P. C.—Nanaimo) said the revelations of the Currie report on one branch of the army make a far wider inquiry vital at this time.

He said that the Currie report, tabled earlier, substantiates everything his party has been saying about extravagance, waste, improper supervision and weak administration in the defence effort.

Mr. Pearkes said the report also suggested the appointment of a joint committee of the houses of parliament on defence expenditures.

The findings of the Currie report, he said, "make one wonder whether the investigation should not be carried further." He wanted to know if irregularities were restricted only to the "small" works department of the army or if "there are other things worthy of investigation."

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Coming Events

- "Brookvale School Concert, December 23rd. Dance after."
- "Christmas concert, Pisiquid East school, Thursday, Dec. 18th."
- "Christmas Concert, Darnley Hall, Friday, December 19th."
- "Glenaladale School Concert, Tracadie Hall, December 22nd."
- "Come to Wheatley River concert in the Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 16."
- "Hunter River School Concert, December 22nd, 8 P. M."
- "Dance Forest Hill, Wednesday Dec. 17th."
- "New Dominion school concert Atton Hall Saturday, Dec. 20th."
- "Reserve Tuesday, Dec. 16 for Parkdale Junior concert in Parkdale Hall at 7 o'clock."
- "Farmers, ask about the Shur-Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill."
- "New Argyle Christmas Concert in Canoe Cove Hall, December 18th."
- "Come to Bradabane Village school Christmas concert, Wednesday, Dec. 17th."
- "Warren Grove School Concert, North River Hall, Monday, December 22nd."
- "Special dance, Howes Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, Glasgow Road Hockey Club."
- "St. Ignatius School Concert in Mayfield Hall, Wednesday, December 17th. Curtain 8:15."
- "Dance in Stanley Bridge Rink Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 16th. Sponsored by Cavendish hockey team."
- "Don't forget the big Dance, Mount Stewart Legion Hall, New Year's night. Rolfe MacKenzie's Orchestra."
- "Buying live and dressed fowl and chicken. Contact us for pick up service. Smith Bros., Pownal, Phone 1 R-23."
- "Come and take your biggest potato to Lot 65 Hall, December 26th. Also Variety Concert and dance."
- "Come to the card party in New Glasgow school, Wednesday evening, Dec. 17th, game starts 8:15 sharp. Lunch served."
- "The annual meeting of the Merchants Hockey League will be held in the Long River School, Wednesday, December 17th, at 8 o'clock."

Claims "Witnesses" Anti-Religious And Anti-Social

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—A Quebec lawyer today argued in the Supreme Court of Canada that Witnesses of Jehovah are "anti-religious and anti-social."

Ernest Godbout, counsel for the City of Quebec, said the Witnesses criticize all religions.

"They claim they are the chosen ones of Christ and that their duty is to destroy governments by force," he said.

Mr. Godbout presented his arguments in French during the fifth day of a hearing on the validity of a City of Quebec by-law. The by-law prohibits the distribution of literature without a permit from the chief of police.

W. Glen How of Toronto, counsel for the Witnesses, asked the court to declare the by-law invalid. He also asked the court to declare that the Witnesses form a religious denomination, entitled to the same freedoms as other denominations.

Shortly before adjournment, Ernest Beaulieu of Montreal began presenting argument on behalf of the Quebec Attorney-General's Department. The department supports the contention of the City of Quebec that the by-law is valid.

Mr. How, criticized by the court for taking more than four days to present his case, said in concluding remarks that a freedom of worship statute of 1855 guaranteed freedom of religion to the Canadian people.

Questions Standards Of Trans-Canada Highway In Nfld.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Gordon Higgins (PC-St. John's East) today said in the Commons there are indications that the federal government has agreed to lower the standards for the Trans-Canada Highway in Newfoundland.

He said during the throne speech debate that Resources Minister Winters assured him earlier that Newfoundland had signed the same type of agreement as the other provinces concerning standards for the highway.

However, he said, reports in Newfoundland newspaper quoted E. S. Spencer, the Newfoundland public works minister as saying that he is not sure whether Newfoundland is going to meet the standards.

Mr. Higgins said he believes a considerable portion of the highway has been built in Newfoundland and money turned over to the province by the Federal Government for it.

"If that is so, I would like to know who agreed to the lowering of the standards," he said.

Mr. Peppin Reviews Origin Of PEI Seed Potato Industry



Mr. S. G. Peppin

The origin of seed potato growing in Prince Edward Island was the theme of a comprehensive address at the Charlottetown Rotary Club yesterday, the speaker being Mr. S. G. Peppin, technical advisor to the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board and retired district inspector of seed potato certification for the Province.

Having served in the latter capacity for thirty-two years, and prior to that as assistant to Mr. Paul Murphy, the first plant pathologist in the Province, Mr. Peppin was able to speak at first hand on the history of the industry, and his remarks were heard with great interest and appreciation. Following is the text of his address:

"The question might well be asked by the man on the street, 'Why do we grow seed potatoes, or why can't the farmers in the Southern States grow their own seed, instead of buying new seed every year?' Well the answer is simple and may be summed up in one word, 'Disease.'

"Seed potatoes cannot be produced in these Southern areas because climatic conditions accompanied with high temperatures break them down to disease. The original potato as you know was found in the higher altitudes of the Andes Mountains in Chile and Peru. We therefore, on this island with our moderate climate with an average temperature of 70 degrees during the growing season, are ideally situated for the production of seed potatoes."

Six Arrested For Theft of Safe

FREDERICTON, Dec. 15 (CP)—Six persons, including three young women, were arrested by R. C. M. P. today and charged with the theft of a safe believed to contain \$8,000 from a Glace Bay department store yesterday.

Police, who stopped the group in an Ontario-bound car near the City limits, recovered some of the money taken from the downtown Metropolitan Store.

Details of the arrests are being withheld while R. C. M. P. in Nova Scotia and Ontario conduct investigations.

Author Of Report Silent On Charge

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (CP)—George S. Currie declined today to comment on a CCF charge in the Commons that a report by his accounting firm on army handling of stores was changed before it was presented to parliament.

Told by telephone about the charge by Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre) Mr. Currie, a former deputy defence minister replied he had nothing to say.

Mrs. Arthur Pitre Loses Appeal

QUEBEC, Dec. 15 (CP)—Mrs. Arthur Pitre, who figured in one of Canada's most sensational crimes, will be transferred to Montreal's Bordeaux Jail probably by next week-end to await hanging Jan. 9.

The 43-year-old woman, found guilty of murder March 18 last year for her part in the time-bombing of an airliner, lost her appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada today.

All 23 persons aboard a Canadian Pacific airliner were killed when the plane exploded in flight near Quebec Sept. 9, 1949.

The dark-haired woman last appeared in court here Oct. 10. She came into court in a wheelchair, and reporters said she was "only a shadow of herself."

At the Quebec Women's Jail today Mrs. Pitre was reported "in good health."

Two others have been hanged for the time-bomb crime. J. Albert Guay, Quebec jeweler who organized the affair to kill his 28-year-old wife, a passenger on the plane, was hanged Jan. 12, 1951. Evidence was that he wanted to collect insurance on her life and marry a 19-year-old waitress.

Appeals For Gov't Fairness In Expenditure

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Government expenditures are unfair to Opposition members in Newfoundland, Gordon Higgins (PC—St. John's East) said today in the Commons.

He made a plea for federal assistance to provide modern wharves for the ferry service between Bell Island and Portugal Cove.

These facilities were old and inadequate, he said, and it was a matter for "disgrace" when in 1939 King George VI embarked from the ferry wharf at Portugal Cove on his return from his tour of Canada, and the same facilities were used for embarking the present Queen when she concluded her tour of Canada a year ago.

Mr. Higgins said it was a matter of record that estimates for river and harbor improvements in Newfoundland favored those areas represented by Liberals.

In Bonaville-Twillingate, represented by Secretary of State Bradley, the current estimates provided \$200,000 for Mr. Higgins riding "not a cent."

"The ferry at Bell Island, site of the largest producing iron ore mine in the British Empire, was the most important in Canada, he said. But no one would provide proper wharf facilities.

"What goes on?" asked Mr. Higgins.

Rough Weather In Europe

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Raging winter tempests brought shipwreck, flood and ice-bound roads to a shivering Europe tonight.

Gales drove the 3,800-ton United States navy refrigerator ship Grommett Reifer onto rocks and broke her back in the Leghorn, Italy, harbor.

The Swedish freighter Tabers was driven ashore near Calais in the English Channel, and the American freighter Columbia Trader was making toward England under tow after losing her propeller in the Atlantic.

The rough seas isolated the romantic Isle of Capri, which has not been able to send a boat to the Italian mainland since Friday.

Floods trapped peasants in their Tibes Valley homes near Rome, and in Venice the canals spilled out and flooded the lower parts of the city.

Also in Italy, the river Liri broke its banks, flooding the centre of Cittadella. Floods spread across the Po valley, submerging fields and rupturing communications.

Large areas around Bordeaux in France also suffered serious flooding.

A weak winter's sun melted snow along miles of key trunk roads in Britain, but late this afternoon the melted snow froze hard again into a thin, menacing sheet of ice.

The industrial centre of Birmingham, second largest city in England, lay under eight inches of snow.

Snow damped the gaiety of Paris where a white Christmas is not among the advertised delights.

Oil Companies Lose Move To Block Probe

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P. E. I. oil companies today lost a plea that the supreme court block a grand jury investigation here of what the Justice Department contends is a world oil monopoly.

The companies asked the high tribunal to review the reverse decisions by two lower federal courts here refused to dismiss the grand jury.

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82 Red Prisoners Killed In Mass Escape Attempt

PUSAN, Korea, Dec. 16 (Tuesday)—(AP)—Allied guards quelled a mass breakout attempt by 3,600 die-hard North Korean Communist prisoners Sunday on Pongsan Island, killing 82 and wounding 120.

Two United States and two South Korean soldiers also were injured by rock-hurling Reds who ignored all orders to halt and charged the guards in waves, the UN Prisoner-of-War Command announced.

It was the bloodiest uprising yet succeeding by one the number of Red prisoners killed in a Feb. 18 riot on Koje Island.

Pongsan is a small, terraced, wind-swept island about 1 1/2 miles off the southeast tip of Koje.

The UN Command, in announcing the action Monday, said "Orders, warnings, shots and riot guns had no effect on the organized mob."

"When three waves of fanatical Communists advanced on the guards, individual weapons were brought to bear when their power became necessary to prevent the entire mass from breaking out," the command said.

The announcement said that wind blowing across prison camp site at the time of the uprising "prevented the use of tear gas."

After an investigation, Col. V. Cadwell, commanding the UN Prisoner-of-War Command, praised the island commander, "Lieut.-Col. George P. Miller for using sound judgment."

"Col. Miller did not use any more force than was necessary," Cadwell said. "He acted promptly. It would have been a very serious situation."

The mutiny occurred at 1 p.m. Sunday among one-third of the 9,000 Korean civilian internees held in the camp.

Leak Stops Atomic Energy Plant

CHALK RIVER, Ont., Dec. 15 (CP)—Isotope production in the western world's most powerful heavy water atomic furnace has been knocked out—perhaps for many weeks—as a result of the radio-active "burst" last Friday.

Dr. David L. Keys, one of the top men at the \$40,000,000 plant here, said tonight there will be no more isotope production from the big atomic powerhouse until scientists locate and repair a tiny "leak" in the squat, vat-like structure which forced the evacuation last Friday of hundreds of workers.

Previous reports were that about 350 atomic workers retreated from the 10,000-acre area when an excessive amount of radio-active particles escaped from the furnace stack. But current reports placed the number of evacuees at about 1,200 including a number of men on construction projects.

The "burst" of radio-active particles which erupted from the stack and spread over the 100-building area was not considered particularly dangerous to the human body. But it was strong enough to set off alarms in all buildings.

Four Plead Guilty In Riot Case

THREE RIVERS, Que., Dec. 15 (CP)—Four of 10 men charged with illegal assembly in the Louiseville disturbances of last Thursday pleaded guilty today and were fined \$100 and costs or two months in jail.

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