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## RESIGNATION OF DEFENCE MINISTER IS DEMANDED

### 8 Bags Of Mail For Canadians In Korea Lost

#### Railways Will Get Rates Boost To Cover New Wage Increase

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 —(CP)—The railways will receive a freight rate increase to cover the cost of their new wage boost to non-operating employees, the Board of Transport Commissioners made known today. The increase will be nine per cent—as asked by the railways—if the board finds that is the amount needed to meet the added wage bill caused by the companies' decision to raise wages by an average 16 cents an hour from Dec. 1. Mr. Justice J. D. Kearney, chief commissioner, said at the close of a 1-2-day hearing "it seems pretty clear" nine per cent is the right figure but the board wants to make a careful check of railway evidence before issuing a formal order for a rate increase.

**Record-Breaking Speed**  
In the hearing that moved with record-breaking speed, railway witnesses yesterday told the board their application for a \$43,351,000-a-year rate boost contains no element beyond that of wage costs involved in their acceptance of the majority report of a federal consultation board. Unions representing their 144,000 employees (Continued on Page 5 Col. 1)

#### Coming Events

- Brookvale School Concert, December 23rd. Dance after.
- See Long Creek Christmas Concert, Friday, December 19th.
- Cornwall Christmas concert, Dec. 22nd.
- York Point School Concert, December 19th.
- Christmas concert, Victoria Hall, Monday, Dec. 22nd.
- Christmas Concert, Rennie's Road, Tuesday, Dec. 23.
- Winsloe School Concert, Thursday, December 18th.
- Christmas Concert, Vernon, Saturday, December 20th.
- Christmas Concert, Iona Hall, December 18th.
- Pownal school concert in Pownal Hall, December 22nd at 8 p.m.
- Christmas concert, Protestant Orphanage hall, Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at 7:30. Public invited.
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- Rose Valley school concert Thursday, December 18th at 8 p.m. in Rose Valley school.
- Eldon School Christmas concert, Belfast Hall, Dec. 19, 8:30 p.m.
- Crushing and mixing on Tuesday's and Saturday's. Concentrate on hand. A. Larsen.
- Special dance, Howes Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 17. Glasgow Road Hockey Club.
- Toronto Road School Concert in Mayfield Hall, Monday, December 22nd. Curtain 8:15.
- Come to Ebenezer Christmas Concert, Friday, December 19th, at 8:30.
- New London School Concert, Thursday, December 18th. Curtain 8:15.
- Come to Mount Mellick School Christmas Concert, Pownal Hall, Thursday, December 18th, 8 P. M.
- Card party and lunch, Hope River Credit Union hall, Wednesday, Dec. 17th.
- St. Peter's North Christmas Concert in Holy Name Hall, December 19th, 8:30 P. M.
- St. Ignatius School Concert in Mayfield Hall, Wednesday, December 17th. Curtain 8:15.
- See Lorne Valley Christmas Concert in Lorne Valley Hall, Thursday, December 18th. Curtain at 8 P. M.
- Come to the card party in New Glasgow school, Wednesday evening, Dec. 17th. game starts 8:15 sharp. Lunch served.
- Will be leading dogs at the following points each Thursday, Summerside until 1:30 p.m. and Kensington until 3:00 p.m. MacEwen and Casely.

#### Dumped From Plane To Save Passengers

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 —(CP)—Thousands of Christmas letters, destined for Canadian and other Commonwealth troops in Korea, were dumped from a plane somewhere between Japan and Korea to safeguard human life. The Post Office Department today announced that nine bags of Canadian mail were included in the cargo jettisoned by a Commonwealth—not a Canadian—aircraft which operates between Japan and the Commonwealth Division headquarters in Korea. Only one of the Canadian bags was recovered. A search is being made for the others, but there is a "strong possibility" that they will not be found. The department gave few details, other than the letters were those mailed in Canada in time to reach the army post office in Vancouver on or about Nov. 22.

**First Loss For Korea**  
It was the first loss of Canadian mail for the troops since the Korean war began. It was understood that the mishap occurred on Nov. 27 when the Commonwealth DC-3 aircraft, carrying passengers as well as cargo, experienced difficulty in maintaining altitude after the take-off from Japan. The pilot decided to ditch the postal freight, dropping some of the bags on land and others at sea. This lightened the plane's burden and it succeeded in reaching Korea. But for some of Canada's 25th Brigade in Korea, this may be a sad Christmas. Postal authorities, though unsure of the total number of letters and packages in the bags, believe they contained a big portion of first-class Christmas mail.

**Possibly 25,000 Letters**  
A postal bag in Canada averages normally about 3,000 letters. This would bring the total loss possibly to about 25,000 letters or small packages shipped as first-class mail. Army postal authorities recalled that similar mishaps occurred in the European theatre during the Second World War. Sometimes mail was recovered six months after it was presumed lost. There were other cases where sealed mail bags were found floating on water. But that appeared to be a remote possibility. For Canadian mothers, wives and sweethearts who had sent letters to their loved ones in Korea sometime during the third week of November, it appeared best to repeat the letters, the authorities said.

**Sabres In 13 Clashes With Communist Migs**  
By George A. McArthur  
SEOUL, Dec. 17 —(Wednesday)—(AP)—Sabre jet pilots clashed 13 times with Communist Migs high above Northwest Korea Tuesday and shot down at least four Red jets, probably destroyed another and damaged one. The U. S. Fifth Air Force said it was investigating a claim that still another Mig was destroyed. One allied plane lost will be announced in a week-end summary. Allied fighter-bombers swept North Korea in low-level attacks on Red supply and troop installations. Ground fighting along the frigid 155-mile front was the lightest in several days. The Eighth Army reported only brief patrol contact. South Korean troops turned back Chinese probing forces in the Sniper Ridge sector, north of Kumhwa on the central front. South Korean patrols stabbed Red lines on the Far Eastern front south of Kosong. Two U. S. jet aces added to their scores. Col. Royal N. Baker of McKinney, Tex., who previously had 5 1-2 Migs, shared a Mig kill with his wingman and ran his total to six destroyed. Capt. Leonard W. Lilley of Manchester, N. H., bagged his sixth Red jet. Lieut. Ira M. Porter of Houston, Tex., encountered a Mig at 40,000 feet and crippled the Red in a burst of fire. Then he pursued the Mig down to mountain-top level in a screaming dive that exceeded the speed of sound. The Red pilot pulled up before crashing, was caught in another machine-gun burst by Porter and was last seen "going around another mountain upside down at about 800 feet and heading down." The air force studied gun-camera films before confirming the claim.

**Report Yanks Ready To Back Oil Settlement**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 —(AP)—Well-informed sources said today the United States is willing to put up \$100,000,000 to back a plan for settling the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute. These officials reported the U. S. Government is ready to advance as much as \$100,000,000 into Iran's treasury as emergency financial aid if Iran and Britain agree to cooperate in ending their long and bitter quarrel over nationalization of British oil properties in Iran. The money would be used to help restore Iran's financial equilibrium. The strategic Middle Eastern country has been losing more than \$5,000,000 a month in oil revenues since the British closed down their refineries and pulled out. When Iran's premier, Mohammed Mossadegh, was in Washington a year ago he was reliably reported to have asked the United States for \$120,000,000 in financial aid to prevent his country from becoming "paralyzed through lack of funds." Last March the U. S. Government crisply told Iran it must come to terms with Britain before there is a chance of any substantial American aid. Now, it is reported, President Truman has instructed State Secretary Dean Acheson to start exploratory discussions for a "voluntary agreement" between American oil interests and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company for a resumption of the flow of oil from Iran. Acheson was said to have taken up the question with Anthony Eden, Britain's foreign secretary, at the conference of North Atlantic Treaty Nations in Paris.

#### N.S. Signs New Financial Agreement With Ottawa

HALIFAX, Dec. 16 —(CP)—Premier Macdonald announced today that Nova Scotia has signed a new financial agreement with the Federal Government but at the same time called for a new federal-provincial conference to study revenue fields. Announcing the new agreement under which the province will receive a guaranteed minimum payment of \$15,343,220. Mr. Macdonald said: "I do not think such agreements offer a permanent solution to our fiscal problems. Nova Scotia has consistently taken the view that he tax agreements while lucrative for this province, are not the best system under which the federal, provincial and municipal governments could operate. "I think it will be necessary to re-convence the federal-provincial conference to re-examine the spheres of jurisdiction and the sources of revenue available to each jurisdiction."

**To File Interim Report On Fisheries Development**  
A decision to file an interim report based on its findings to date was reached by the Fisheries Development Committee when they met yesterday in a full session held in the chambers of Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell, chairman. A thorough review of a considerable amount of material presented to the committee over the past year and one-half was done by the members. Present for the meeting were Chief Justice Campbell, Dr. A. H. Neidler, of the Biological Station at St. Andrews, N. B., Mr. John Macintosh and Mr. Eugene Gorman, committee secretary. The material under review yesterday was that collected at various hearings attended by island fishermen during different months of this year and the latter part of 1951. When the interim report is filed, probably in February when the committee will hold its next meeting, it is believed that it will make many suggestions based on the evidence given by a wide variety of speakers, especially during the spring and summer meetings. On those occasions a large number of fishermen, particularly those interested in the lobster fishing, were present to state their views on the matters of having one season for all parts of the Province and the problem of poaching. At a meeting held in October the Courtroom was filled to capacity and a great many of those present at the hearing expressed opinions that the present two fishing seasons, one for the North Shore, and one on the South Shore, should be left strictly alone as they claim that though lobsters may be plentiful on one shore in the spring they do not arrive on the other till the fall. To illustrate their point fishermen in the Tignish and Rustico areas wanted no change in the fall season as it is laid down at present. On the other hand a fisherman near St. Peter's Island said (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

**Sees Danger To Dairy Industry**  
BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 16 —(CP)—Colin Rogers, a vice-president of the Ontario Whole Milk Producers' League, said last night that if the government allows vegetable oils to be imported, the entire dairy industry will be demoralized. The Brockville Whole Milk Producers' Association, which he was addressing, approved a resolution asking the government to ban the addition of synthetics to dairy products.

**Report Simonds Threatens To Quit**  
TORONTO, Dec. 16 —(CP)—The Telegram says today in a dispatch from Ottawa that Lt.-Gen. Guy Simonds is threatening to resign as chief of the Canadian Army General Staff over the Currie report on defence spending. "Gen. Simonds was closeted for several hours this morning with ranking Defence Department officials," the story says. "He is reported to have told some fellow officers that he will resign unless the government acts quickly to absolve him from all blame in connection with yesterday's disclosures of inefficiency and waste in the handling of defence spending."

**Two Killed In Collision**  
STONEHAM, Que., Dec. 16 —(CP)—Two men were killed today when their delivery truck crashed head-on into a bus in this small town, 20 miles north of Quebec City. The dead are identified as Harold McKee of Valcartier, Que., and A. Bergeron of Quebec, owner of the truck. No one was injured in the bus, police said. Police said the accident apparently occurred when the driver of the truck attempted to pass a parked vehicle and crashed into the Provincial Transport Company bus, coming in the opposite direction.

**Windsors Not To Attend Coronation**  
PARIS, Dec. 16 —(CP)—The Duke of Windsor today squelched speculation that he and his American-born wife would attend the coronation next June 2. "The Duchess of Windsor and I will not be present at the Abbey on June 2, 1953 because it would not be in accordance with constitutional usage for the coronation of a king or queen of England to be attended by the sovereign or former sovereign of any state," the Duke said in a statement issued here today. Buckingham Palace confirmed that it is traditional that no monarch or former monarch attends a coronation. The practice which has been followed by Queen Elizabeth II is to ask heads of state to send representatives.

#### Opposition Blasts Gov't On Currie Report

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 —(CP)—A tense House of Commons today heard Progressive Conservatives demand the resignation of Defence Minister Claxton and propose a full-scale investigation of the Defence Department as a result of the Currie report. Donald Fleming (PC—Toronto) went further and suggested that perhaps Prime Minister St. Laurent should go. He said earlier statements by the Prime Minister on thefts at Peiawa military camp indicated his belief that the government should not be held responsible. "Well," Mr. Fleming said, amid many interruptions, "if that is all the Prime Minister has learned about the essence of responsible government, then it is high time he made way for somebody who does understand those elementary principles." While attendance in the Commons was not great and at many times fewer than 100 members were in their seats, the chamber buzzed and rocked with cross-fire as opposition members attacked on the basis of the report which charged "a general breakdown" in the army works service.

**Cabinet Members Silent**  
No cabinet member spoke and they sat silent under questioning as to why they did not speak on the report. The Prime Minister was in the chamber part of the time; circulated often among his ministers and is believed to have held a long conference with them when only one minister was in the chamber—Works Minister Fourrier. George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, charged the government with complacency and warned against any idea of "making scapegoats" of officers of the General Staff or members of the armed forces. Mr. Drew said that Mr. Claxton, due back Saturday from a meeting of the Nato Council in Paris, had forfeited the right to be believed in view of the assurances he has given the Commons and the revelations in the Currie report. Both CCP and Social Credit groups sent spokesmen into the battle but it was the Progressive Conservatives who led the way. The report climaxed seven months of investigation by George S. Currie accounting firm of Montreal. It was tabled yesterday.

**Throne Speech Vote**  
In the midst of the fray, members took time out to reject a Social Credit amendment to the throne speech by a vote of 118 to 20. Although it amounted to a vote (Continued on Page 8 Col. 3)

**Reveal Names In Safe Theft Case**  
FREDERICTON, Dec. 16 —(CP)—The names of three men and three women arrested by RCMP Sunday near Gagetown, N. B., after a safe-cracking incident in Nova Scotia were released today. The names were given as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellington Giffin, Ralph Allan Fabian Connolly, Thomas Archie Macdonald, Irene Ruby Kyle and Helen Virginia Mair, all of Toronto. Three members of the Glace Bay, N. S., police department and a police matron arrived to escort the six to Glace Bay, where they will be arraigned on charges of breaking entering and theft. The charges resulted from theft of a safe and \$7,000 to \$8,000 from the Metropolitan Stores in the Cape Breton town. When arrested the six were in an Ontario-licensed car, which also is being taken to Glace Bay. Some of the stolen money has been reported recovered.

**Mountbatten Named To New Command**  
By Arthur Gavanon  
PARIS, Dec. 16 —(AP)—The Atlantic Allies today named Admiral Earl Mountbatten boss of the Mediterranean sea lanes, but left the American Sixth Fleet independent in that sea under U. S. Admiral Robert B. Carney. Prodded by Prime Minister Churchill, proud of Royal Navy traditions, the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization acted to: 1. Set up a brand new command in the Mediterranean with the mainly defensive role of guarding the Allied lifelines between Gibraltar and Suez. 2. Placed it initially under Mountbatten, 52, a Second World War hero who is a second cousin of the Queen, but specified that he must be subordinate to the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, U. S. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway. 3. Left the U. S. Sixth Fleet as the naval arm of the Naples-based Southern European Command headed by Carney, who also reports directly to Ridgway. The primary wartime job of this fleet would be to support land operations.

**Statement By Jackson May Help Free Two Men**  
TORONTO, Dec. 16 —(CP)—Brunet's case is already under review by the Justice Department. The statement will be sent to the department for consideration. Two other men serving prison terms for other robberies have also made affidavits that Brunet was not one of the four armed men who robbed the bank. They are Lawrence E. Shirley, serving a 20-year term at Stoney Mountain, Man., and Gordon Reuben Lyons, serving 20 years in British Columbia. Brunet was arrested two hours after the robbery in company of Louis Stavroff. Each pleaded innocent. They were convicted and sentenced April 13, 1951, to 15-year terms.

#### Mr. Kickham Stresses P.E.I. Ferries And Fisheries Needs

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 —(CP)—Thomas Kickham, Liberal member for the Prince Edward Island constituency of Kings, said today the government should act now to improve the ferry services connecting his Island province with the rest of Canada. If the Canadian economy could afford to send money to other lands, such as under the Colombo Plan, surely it could find funds to put Canada's own transportation service in shape. He said in the Commons that the ferry services between Wood Islands, P. E. I. and Caribou, N. S., and Borden, P. E. I., and Cape Tormentine, N. B., need improvement. Additional vessels were needed so the Island province could move produce and improve tourist traffic. He hoped there would be government action on the ferry improvements at this session. If the money was voted now, it still would take two years to get new boats in service. His Island province was entitled to an "adequate ferry service" under the terms of confederation, said Mr. Kickham. He was sure the people in other parts of Canada would want to see the smallest province enjoy the same transportation facilities as the rest of the country. He also urged the government to reduce the eligible age for payment of blind pensions to 16 from 21 years. This he said would permit a payment to a blind youngster as soon as he no longer was eligible for family allowance payments. Mr. Kickham invited Fisheries Minister Sinclair to come to P. E. I. to discuss processing methods, marketing and other problems of the province's fishing industry. He also called on the government for improvement of fishing wharves and coves in Prince Edward Island.

#### Record Attendance At Hereford Men's Meeting

Buell, Murray Harbour, Vice President; Neil Matheson, Southport, Secretary; Robert Borden, North River; Treasurer; Directors, George Hayden, Cherry Valley, Harold Dunphy, Cherry Valley, Albert Holmes, Carleton Siding, Clifford Holmes, Kingston, Robert Lear, Mount Stewart and Hammond Sanderson, Winsloe. QUEBEC, Dec. 16 —(CP)—Irene Simard, lawyer for Mrs. Arthur Pitre, scheduled to be hanged Jan. 9 for her part in the time-bombing of an airliner that killed all 23 aboard, announced today he will ask the crown to commute the death sentence.

**More Shopping Days**  
IT TAKES A MIGHTY LITTLE SHOVE TO SEND SOME GUYS DOWN HILL!

**HALIFAX, Dec. 16 —(CP)—** Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Wednesday. Synopsis: Most localities are reporting cloudy weather and a few snowflurries tonight. Temperatures are in the twenties and low thirties still, well above normal for December. Seasonable night time values for mid-December range from near 20 degrees in Nova Scotia to near 10 degrees in New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec. A storm centred over the Strait of Belle Isle is moving northeast. It will have no further effect on the Maritimes, variable amounts of cloud and a few snowflurries are forecast for Wednesday. Prince Edward Island—Variable cloudiness with a few snowflurries. Continuing mild. Westerly winds 15. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 28 and 32. High tide today at Charlottetown at 11:28 A. M. and 10:17 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 6:10 A. M. and 5:27 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:46 A. M. and sets at 4:33 P. M.



**TO SUCCEED WEIZMANN AS PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL**  
Russian-born Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, seen above, veteran Socialist-Zionist leader who came to Palestine around the turn of the century, has been elected president of Israel to succeed late Dr. Chaim Weizmann who died last month. Chosen by the Israeli parliament, Ben-Zvi won presidency with the support of the Labor Mapai party—largest in the House. He is known as the "Good Samaritan of the Samaritans."

**MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 16.—(Reuters)—**A 19-year-old footman who ran amok with a machine-gun last month, wounded the Countess of Derby and killed two of her butlers, was adjudged insane at his trial today. The court ordered the servant, Harold Winstanley, to be held in Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum indefinitely.