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DAY AND NIGHT SERVICE Bill and Ken Nesbitt

Than 100 Dead In Atlanta Hotel Fire

NL. LEWIS CALLS OFF SOFT COAL STRIKE

ners' Leader Defers alkout to March 31 the "Public Need"

AYS SUPREME COURT SHOULD BE REE OF ECONOMIC PRESSURES" URING CONSIDERATION OF CASE

ASHINGTON (CP)—The American soft coal was called off today.

a letter to his members of the United Mine ers of America, President John L. Lewis said EMBARGO ON he was ordering the miners back to work at until March 31 so that the Supreme Court STEEL STAYS pressure superinduced by the VINCIAL

KERS ASK

GE BOOSTS

proximately \$26.50

in-Council.

of a strike.

d an increase of \$300 an-

six weeks ago, following

Service Commission re-

It was disclosed by C. P.

s Association, who headed

egation to seek salary in-

s for the government em-

AP EXPLODES

great explosions still rocke

MUNITION

nomic crisis." dition, public necessity requires export of steel but it is unlikely quantitative production of coal the restrictions will be eased exduring such a period."

The announcement came as time. ORIA. - Revision of the the Supreme Court was conliving bonus and a gen-sidering the government's plea TAX PARLEY perease in salaries was for an immediate review of IS SUSPENDED Friday by a delegation Lewis' and the miners' conhe Provincial Government tempt of court case, involving that the present sliding eral district court earlier this Dominion for a new taxation ystem of bonuses discrim- week. against employees both in

w and executive wage delegation asked equal- INDIAN ACCORD st-of-living bonuses to all ment employees, based on MEETING FAILS kial index as of October

the cost-of-living bonus Attlee failed last night in an ment is possible. of 1634 cents an hour gether for the opening Monday ment has been reached, and basic rate of pay; sub- of a constituent assembly to that B.C. citizens will not have of their demands to a draft India's constituion of in- to pay double taxation to the

bickering Indian leaders that the next three years, and that, were made yesterday that more rief, the organization said, less all factions joined in writing the \$18,000,000 offered in the strike is still in progress then. deputy ministers of the cial government were it

The delay in drafting the constitution, he assured them, would prolong Britain's stay in India.

ARE KILLED ovincial Government Em-IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, (P)-Five British blowing up on Shanghai's here.

irts today, and six hours Drove Bus From Fairbanks South

re is as yet no indication many Chinese were kill- SEATTLE- A Fairbanks man, Los Angeles. injured, but it is feared who proposes to start a bus sernumber died. Thousands vice from Alaska to the United Mese living near the dump States, has driven here by bus. tury home of William Hogarth, east-end Ontario Street, directions, driven here by bus. driven in fear from their He encountered 45 below zero the artist, blitz-damaged during tors of the Children's Receiving weather on the trip.

BOLD BANDITS ENTER HOUSE

VANCOUVER, (P) - Using a new and more brazen approach, two armed bandits last night went to the home of Grant Slosson, held him and his three friends off with a gun while they frisked him of his wallet containing \$100. then fled.

It was Vancouver's ninth hold-up case in eight days.

OTTAWA, ()-Heavy pressure hysteria and frenzy of an ecois being exerted on the federal He told reporters that "in ad- government to lift the ban an cept in a minor way for some

studies Premier Hart's alternative proposals.

gation said that no agreement had yet been signed and it prob-LONDON. Prime Minister Tuesday whether or not agree-

of reference if the com- dependence. Dominion and the province.

and to the Lieutenant Go- inconclusive conferences here, province will allow Ottawa full the government flatly told the rights of income taxation for last federal budget.

They said that Premier Hart SHUGAR FREED likely would settle for \$20,000,-000, plus an extra \$2,000,000 in gasoline taxes along with whatever other minor concessions he can get.

Rupert Due Here Next Wednesday

Canadian National Steamsoldiers were injured when a ships coastal vessel Prince Ru- gorically denied the accusation. jeep was blown up early yester- pert will be back in service next It was the second time that day by a mine north of Hedara week after a three-week annual Shugar had been acquitted on a on the Tel Aviv road. Four per- overhaul, according to word re- similar charge. sons were killed in an explosion ceived at the company's offices here this morning. The ship will arrive here Wednesday under SEEK HOMES command of Capt. Ernest Cald- FOR CHILDREN well, who has just returned to Vancouver from a holiday in

the war, is being reopened.



COLORADO SNOWED IN BY BLIZZARD - With 20 persons reported dead and hundreds trapped by snowdrifts, Colorado battled a sub-zero blizzard. Above is a typical street scene in Denver with pedestrians picking their way through snow covered streets. Transportation and communications were tied up



WHERE THREE CANADIANS LOST THEIR LIVES-The tail section of the Western Air Lines plane which crashed into a mountainside north of Burbank, Calif., still remains intact. The plane carried 11 passengers and crew members whose charred bodies have been sighted by searchers. Th three Canadian women among the passengers were Miss Mary La Branch, Edmonton; Mrs. Bridgt W. Knight, Banff, Alta., and Miss Florence Henry, formerly of Winnipeg.

tempt of court case, involving of Association, which \$3,500,000 in fines levied in fed-tween British Columbia and the Government of Court case, involving tween British Columbia and the Government Plans to Move agreement have been suspended Unemployed From Cape while the federal government Unemployed From Cape A member of the B.C. dele- Breton to Other Localities.

OTTAWA (CP) - Plans for a government- for \$14,000? ably will not be known before financed move of unemployed workers from Cape o'Groat's in stormy Pentland Breton to industries in central and western Canada Firth between the mainland and TWO STATES ARE fans." meet to superannuation eleventh-hour attempt to bring It has been reported in some is being developed by federal labor officials, Cana- the Orkneys is for sale. an across the board the Hindus and Moslems to- quarters, however, that an agree- dian Press learned Friday.

Five Million May

PITTSBURG. (P)- Predictions Britain would not submit an In- by a complicated formula, Brit- than five million workers will dian charter to parliament un- ish Columbia will get more than be idle by New Year's if the coal

OF CONSPIRACY

OTTAWA ()-Dr. David Shugar, former naval anti-submarine ex- hardrock mines and lumbering. pert, was acquitted today by Judge A. G. McDougall of a to Russia.

Montreal Welfare Body Facing Eviction Issues Plea for Help

LONDON @ - The 18th Cen- eviction from their premises on world, U. N. authorities said to-

remaining in the home. Board will be paid for each child accepted until it can re- by next January 1. turn to its parents or be taken into a new building directors hope to find shortly.

The 10-year old centre, an affiliate of Welfare Federation, acts as a clearing house for youngsters to be adopted or placed in foster homes.

Designed to hold the centre's work together until new premises are found, a system whereby foster homes will be subsidized is being worked out.

This will include payment of a \$50 monthly retainer fee to private families on the under- was abandoned today standing that they will accept men trapped in the 250-ton the care of one or more children French submarine "2326," will be paid for each child as officers were aboard the sublong as it remains.

TOMORROW'S TIDES 20.3 feet

There are several thousand unemployed in the urban areas of Cape Breton, and the authorities plan a vol-

> Although British Columbia was not mentioned in the dispatch, sources at Vancouver expressed interest, saying that B.C. could use such labor in the coal,

charge of conspiracy to communicate confidential information SUGGESTS PARLEY At the trial Shugar had cate- ON PALESTINE

State James Byrnes last night pledged the United States to sit in one "full, free" conference in an attempt to solve the Arab-Jewish Palestine question.

right to the general assembly inspection board to verify the MONTREAL, (P) - Faced with number of armed troops in the

Tonight, the security council Centre have issued a plea, re- will assemble to receive a comquesting foster parents to accept mittee-approved plan calling for one or more of the 24 children all members of the United Nations to report the number of their troops at home and abroad

VICTORIA DIES

VICTORIA - Bernard P. Schwengers, branch manager of McLellan. McFeely & Prior here and noted athlete in his younger days, died here yesterday.

23 MISSING ON

TOULON, France (- Hope for armed robbery.

CROWN COLONY

BIGGEST XMAS SHOPPING YEAR

Canadians Will Have Spent \$400,000,000 by Yuletide, It Is Estimated

TORONTO, (P) - Currently Canadians are in the midst of the greatest of all spending booms - Christmas shoppingand it is estimated they will spend upwards of \$400,000,000 by the time the great day is com? and gone. A Canadian press survey reveals the biggest buying year on record.

Reduction of Rent Controls Urged

TORONTO -- Speaking last of Slaying night, W. J. LeClaire, president ers' Association, advocated a His Mother and reasonable upward revision of rentals. Present rental controls, he said, were an injustice

WINDY ISLAND DOUBTFUL BUY

1,000-Acre Island Near John O'Groat's Can Be Bought

JOHN O'GROAT'S HOUSE, Scotland, (P)-Want to buy a itt, whose twin brother discover- in many cases. 1,000-acre island, complete with ed his mother's body, walked into Hotel adultor F. A. Herring church and manse, school, post the nearby home of Percy Bur- said: "I never saw anything like office and 45 tenanted crofts-

Fisherman James Simpson FREE OF DIMOUT

thinks it might be a good place for a politician to retire to, but and California are the big ex- \$650,000. that's about the brighest he can ceptions in the states of the say about it. He thinks the pres- Union which are in dim-out now

women were in the forces during upon coal for power. the war," he said. "Now they're demobbed they want to live on Woman's Death the mainland. Even if they come Sentence Reduced back, it's becoming increasingly difficult to make a living on

There are few children now in Port Arthur has been commuted munists yesterday offered to the school and the church has to life imprisonment, the State make a fresh start on peace no resident minister. The main Secretary's department an- negotiations but there appeared industry is fishing for cod and nounced today. She was con- to be no possibility that their lobsters. The 120 residents raise victed of slaying her landlady, offer would get serious considmost of their own rood and many Susan Thomas.

also weave their own clothes. In bad weather a fine salt locally to be the cause of the

islanders' longevity. Modern conveniences are some-

thing Stroma doesn't know. There is one small shop but its stock is small and narrow. Peat is the usual fuel and oil lamps provide light.

Tales of pirates, smugglers and ancient Norse sea kings go with floor her fight to establish an Stroma, as do stories of ship- of a peacetime Christmas. wreckers in the days before the Of course, by pre-war standmodern lighthouse was built on ards it still isn't much, but those the rocky point. North of the isl- who enjoy Christmas most do year, although there is not the and is the Swelchie of Stroma, not remember the pre-war years dangerous whirlpool into which anyway. The important fact is many small vessels have been that it is brighter than last year sucked and lost.

So far Stroma is still on the

YOUNG BANDITS TO BE WHIPPED

Three Years and Twenty Lashes Imposed on Two Young Men

VANCOUVER - William Mc-Pherson and Michael Burns, long winter evenings." youths, were each sentenced to

Fairbanks, who took off from gift merchandise as has been on Christmas shoppers every afterhere for Dog Creek in the Cari- | display for years, and Christmas | noon now and already stocks of boo Thursday afternoon and merchandise nowadays includes some stores are pretty well pickfailed to arrive there, is safe at practically everything that is ed over. 6.6 feet British crown colony by Captain on account of unfavorable wise buying. weather.

Horror-Death Strike Georgia City in Pre-Dawn Holocaust

Guests Trapped Above Third Floor Burn, Suffocate in "Fire - Resistant" Building

ATLANTA, Georgia (CP) - A pre-dawn fire, starting mysteriously in the upper floors of the downtown Winecoff Hotel, today swept the 15-storey structure, killing at least 114 persons and injuring 100.

Youth Keld

in her skull.

was slain.

ger, and reportedly said:

Indications are that the toll among the 285 guests in the 194-room hotel, located on Atlanta's famed

Peachtree Street, would run higher, because a number of other people were burned fatally, or suffocated.

Most of the guests were trapped above the third floor, where the fire was believed to have started at 3:15 this morning. The brick and concrete building, constructed in 1913, had no outside fire escapes.

It was believed to be fire-LEAMINGTON, Ont. (P)-Wil- resistant.

and were stifling building for liam Jewitt, 17 - year - old high One fireman told of finding school student today was charged 16 bodies on one upper floor. with murdering his mother, The rooms in which they were whose body was found late last found were undamaged by night in the kitchen of her flames. All apparently had died home, a claw hammer buried of suffocation.

> Emergency mortuaries were Mrs. Jewitt, wife or a dentist, set up in various parts of the returned home from choir prac- city, as firemen kept up a tice a few minutes before she steady procession, carrying the dead from the building.

Identification will be difficult Less than an hour later, Jew-

it. Bodies were hurtling down "You'd better call the police." past my window. My wife and I covered our heads with blankets and turned on electric

There is no estimate yet as to the loss, but the hotel build-WASHINGTON, D.C. — Texas ing was sold three years ago for

ent generation will be the last because of the coal strike. Neith-on the island. er of these states are dependent COMMUNISTS WANT PEACE

But Little Likelihood That Their Offer in China Will Be Accepted

NANKING, (P)-Chinese Com-

In bad weather a line salt Second Post-war Christmas to Be Brightest in Many Years

Prince Rupert is dressing up for its flashiest Christmas since Adolph Hitler beat pop-guns-into cannon and made cotton wool more important as an army field dressing than as artificial snow. The atmosphere is actually beginning to resemble that

and there are more toys.

OTTAWA (P)-The death sen-

tence of Mrs. Marie Desmeules of

Downtown, the shops are putting an a brave and glittering show of normalcy that brings a nostalgic sigh to the adult and makes the small fry look on peace as something that should be tried more of because it's wonderful.

pensive adult as he stood before easier for harassed parents. an electrical store. "Because I

three years in penitentiary with he watched the train circle its ments will be filled but all the 20 lashes each here yesterday track in the show window was a butchers are saying: Order early. kilowatt or two brighter than In fact, shopping early is much the light of anticipation which in vogue in Prince Rupert this shone in his small son's.

business district are shelves preciated. VANCOUVER - J. M. Cox of filled with as wide a variety of Stores are very busy with

very nearly equal those of last that were available then. However, providing that buyers are not too set on some particular item, satisfactory substitutions can be found.

Particularly short are dress shirts, neckwear and knitted Toys this year are in better

supply than since wartime shortages first pressed down and the reappearance of metal toys is a "I am going to buy my son an phenomenon that inspires the electric train," commented one young, and makes gift shopping

The Christmas turkey situaneed something to do on these tion remains somewhat obscure at present although there are The eager glint in his eye as indications that local require-

year as more than ever the im-Behind the colorful show win- portance of making selections

New Zealand mas proclaimed a Hope where he made a landing useful. The war years taught There seems little dimunition in Christmas buying despite the In the clothing stores, stocks admittedly smaller population.

region: Continuous rain . Overcast with showers toand Sunday. Winds south -(20) today, light tonight Sunday. Little change in erature. Minimum tonight Hardy, 33; maximum day, 40. Prince Rupert and flottes region: Overcast with wers today and Sunday. ds southerly (10). Little nge in temperature. Mini-

HE WEATHER Synopsis

se of the explosion was un-

wy rain continues over the ern British Columbia coast morning with overcast skies the rest of the province. change is expected in conover the province today lowery conditions over the

Forecast

Ince Rupert, Queen Charand North Coast-Port n tonight—At Massett, 31; ce Rupert, 31. Maximum! day—Massett, 35; Prince Ru-

in many sections. The deaths were in the more remote areas.

untary, mass exodus of these workers to such manpowerscare areas as the hardrock mines of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Yellowknife, N.W.T., and also to the lumbering and electrical power developments in Ontario and Quebec.

NEW YORK, (P)-Secretary of

Meanwhile, Britain may take

SCHWENGERS OF

DAMAGED SUB

when their home is needed. An lieved sunk by a floating mine additional \$24 monthly heard off Toulon Three high ranking IS SAFE AT HOPE dows that line the Third Avenue while stocks are the best is appropriate the stocks are the best is appropriate to the stocks. additional \$24 monthly board off Toulon. Three high ranking marine, but their names were withheld.

0.8 feet | William Hobson in 1840.