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Russo-British Alliance Expected

Stalin is Expected to Call For Revised Pact

LONDON (CP)—An official source said today that the government expected Prime Minister Joseph Stalin would call for a general military alliance between Great Britain and Russia to replace the present mutual assistance treaty. The source added in principle that Great Britain wanted "full co-operation" with Russia.

The present treaty provides for military co-operation between the two countries only in the event of aggression by Germany and wartime satellites at any time until 1962.

Premier Stalin has said that the existing pact is "weakened" by "certain reservations." The cabinet will discuss the matter when the "reservation" is clarified.

BIG STORM IN BRITAIN

Dense Snowfall Follows Heavy Winds in Old Country

LONDON—A blizzard, of density such as has not been experienced in this country in years, hit southern England yesterday following high winds and extreme cold. London, with the rest of the country, felt the full force of the storm. It was so cold that the second notes of Big Ben were missing. There was snow for the first time in years on the Solly Islands. Drifting mines are reported in the Irish Sea. The Isle of Sheppey, with 25,000 inhabitants, is cut off from the mainland of Kent. All Royal Air Force transport flights are delayed 24 hours. Experts say the cold spell is caused by frigid air moving westward from the continent.

COLD SNAP HITS HERE

Prince Rupert Has Nine Above—Yukon, 76 Below—Prince George, 24; Smithers, 15

A sudden drop in temperature brought 9 above zero thermometer reading to Prince Rupert during the night with a forecast for a minimum of 15 above tonight. The rather precipitate cold snap brought reports of frozen water pipes in a number of homes.

Throughout the north it continues extremely cold with Snag in the Yukon reporting 76 below and Prince George, 24 below. It was 15 below at Smithers yesterday.

Coldest temperature previously recorded in Prince Rupert this winter was 17.2 degrees on November 19, 1946. The memorable cold spell in January, 1943, sent the thermometer down to one degree above zero, and it remained in that vicinity for several days.

Freedom of the press has been dearly bought—the first newspaper issued in North America, appearing September 25, 1690, was suppressed before the second issue could be circulated.

COLORFUL SHRINE CEREMONIAL TO BE HELD HERE MAY TWENTY-FOURTH

Initiates to the number of forty or so, no fewer than thirty of them from Prince Rupert, will tread the burning sands here on May 24 and 25 to learn the rites and mysteries of the Ancient and Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine when Gizeh Temple conducts one of its colorful ceremonials in Prince Rupert on those dates. President George J. Dawes, Secretary George E. Peters and Chairman George Dybavn of Prince Rupert are already active in the making of arrangements for the big show.

Headed by Potentate Richard Nelson of Vancouver, eighty nobles and their wives will be coming north for the ceremonial aboard the steamer Princess Norah which is being specially chartered for the trip. The proceedings will be climaxed with a great ball in the Civic Centre auditorium on the night of May 24. The ceremonial proceedings will be headquartered from the Civic Centre.

The patrol and band of Gizeh Temple is coming north from Victoria for the ceremonial in connection with which they will play a prominent part. A great parade will be staged in collaboration with the Kinsmen's Club which is holding its Victoria Day children's field day at the same time.

The candidates for initiation at the local ceremonial, besides Prince Rupert, are coming from such district points as Smithers and Stewart and from Ketchikan, Wrangell and Juneau. This will not be the first time that a Shrine ceremonial has been held in Prince Rupert. There was one here back in 1926 when Gizeh Temple came north in a chartered steamer, the proceedings at that time centering from the old Exhibition Hall.

NOT SATISFIED WITH BRITAIN

Russian News Agency Thinks Old Country too Friendly With United States

LONDON (CP)—Tass, official Russian news agency, urged Great Britain today to live up to the spirit of the treaty of alliance with Russia. It criticized Britain's ties with the United States, saying: "One cannot say British policy to the U.S.S.R. conforms to the principles and demands of the treaty of alliance. Britain has not concluded an alliance with the United States. Nevertheless, intimate relations between the two countries have assumed the character of a military alliance."

Bulletins

ONTARIO WRECK

KINCAIDINE, Ont.—Three persons were killed and one severely injured in the collision of a Canadian National Railway train and an automobile at a level crossing near here. The dead are Mrs. A. Grant, 29, and son, Larry, four, and W. J. Johnston, 28. The injured person is Marjorie Williams, 19, of Goderich.

DRIVE ON BOOKIES

VANCOUVER—The Vancouver police are commencing a drive against racing bookmakers. A tour was made yesterday of suspected establishments and warnings given.

IS BANKER DEAD?

JERUSALEM—Palestine police expressed fear today that H. A. I. Collins, British banker, may have been fatally injured when kidnapped from his home Friday as hostage for a condemned member of the Jewish underground. Judge Ralph Windham, also abducted, was released unharmed last night.

MINISTERS INDISPOSED

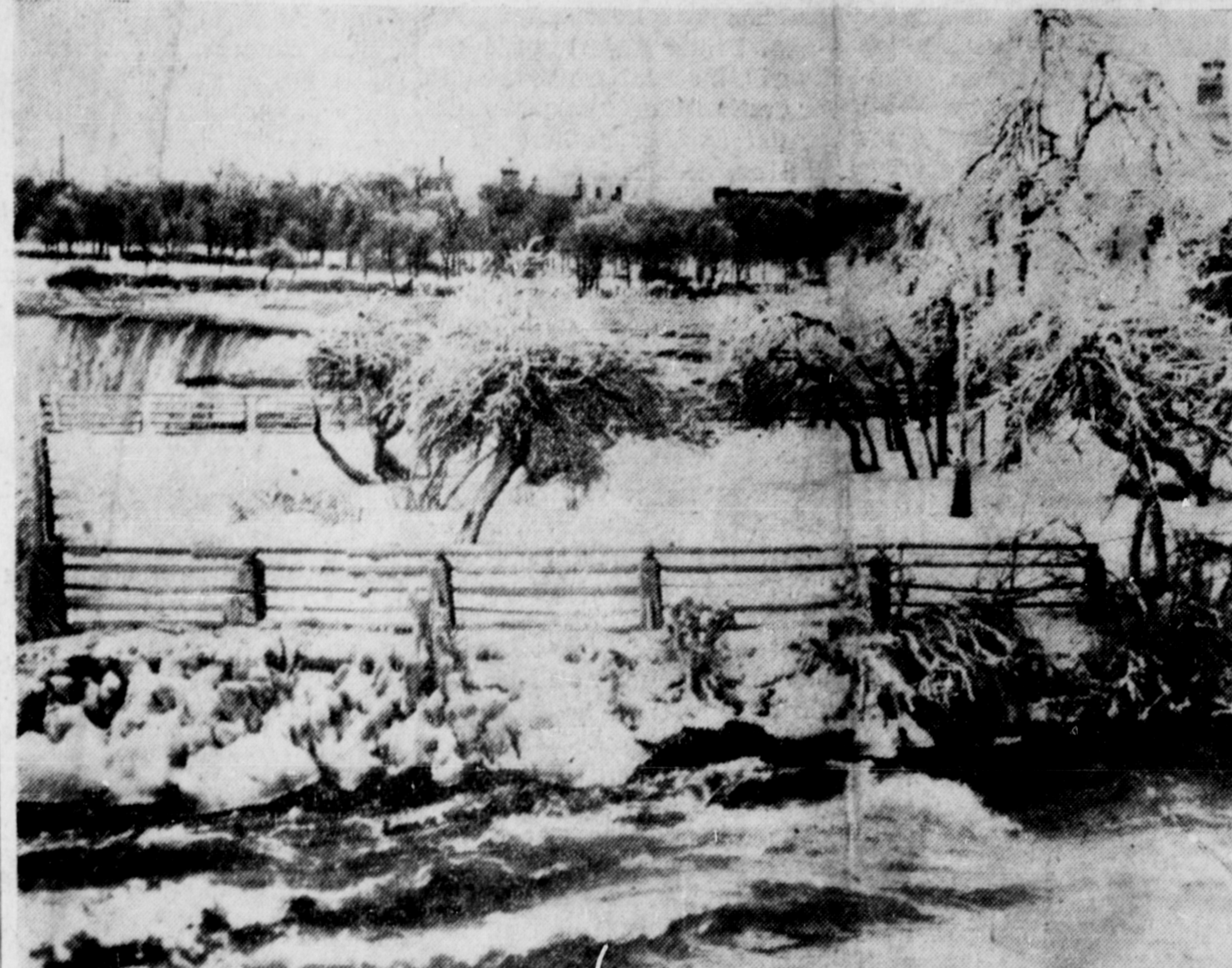
LONDON—If he is to continue as foreign secretary, Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin must take all rest possible, his physician says, following a heart attack while suffering from high blood pressure. Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison has suffered a thrombosis and pleurisy attack and will not be able to resume his ministerial duties before, March 1.

OLD MINE REOPENING

R. W. Wilson, well known mining engineer, has arrived at New Hazelton to make arrangements for the reopening for development and production of the well known old Silver Standard mine on Rocher de Boule Mountain and, after spending a few days at the property, is expected to arrive in the city on tomorrow night's train and sail on the steamer Prince Rupert for Vancouver. It is understood that a considerable development program is projected for the property, which years ago was quite a spectacular producer, and that early shipments of ore will be possible.

APPEARS HERE TO OBTAIN BAIL

Charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Leslie H. West on a hunting expedition near Hazelton last November 27, Fred Spitzel of Hazelton was brought to the city on last night's train by Constable Mackie. He appeared in County Court here this afternoon to have bail set. Spitzel was committed for trial at Hazelton two weeks ago. He will appear for trial at the spring session of Assize Court here in May.



NIAGARA FALLS CLOAKED IN WINTER GARB—Near zero weather put a layer of frost on trees and ground, resulting in this winter scene at Niagara Falls. This view is from Goat Island toward the U.S. side.

Five Canadians Are Among Dead in Plane Which Crashed in China

Airliner Bound From Chungking to Shanghai, Comes to Grief Near Hankow

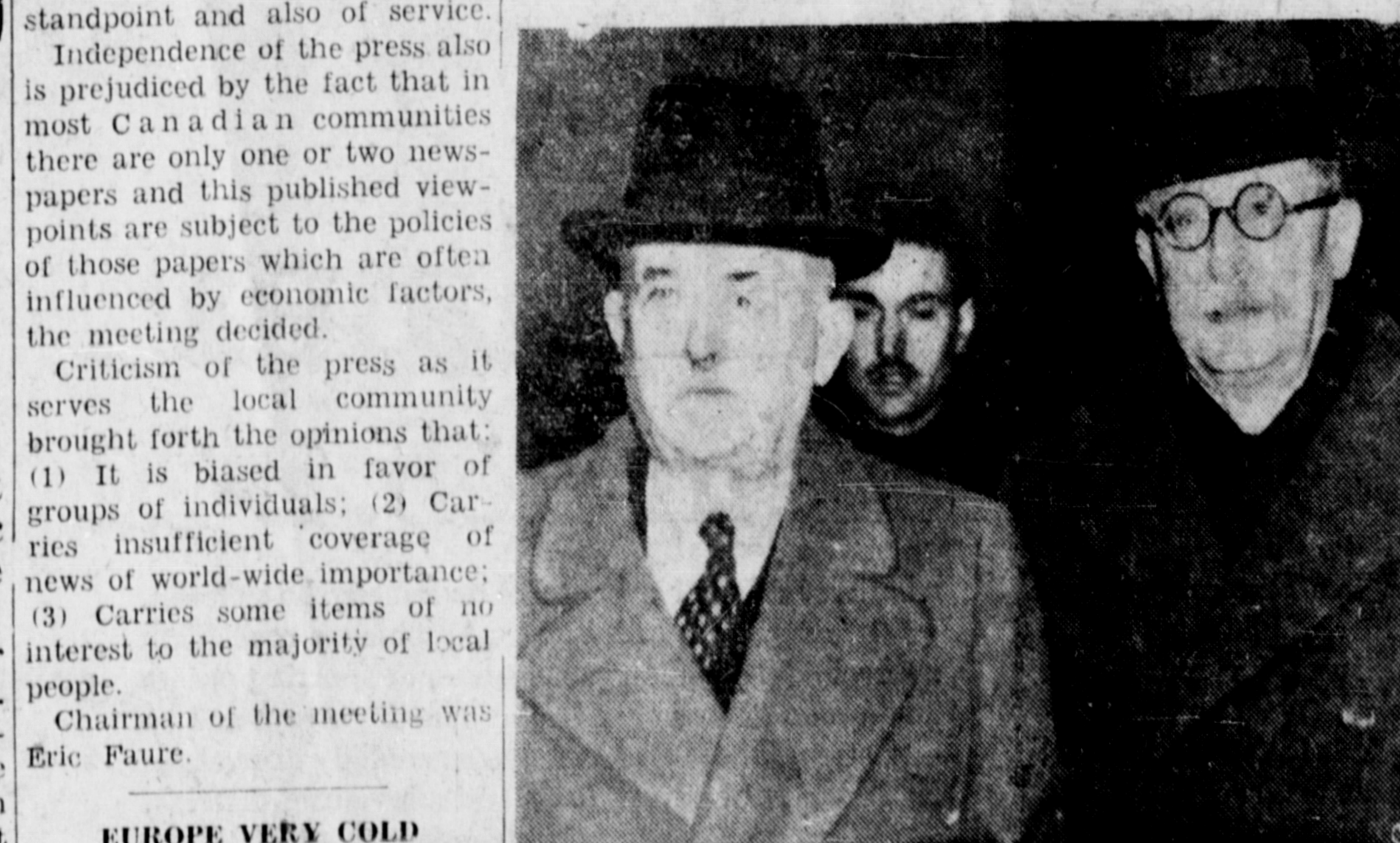
SHANGHAI (CP)—A Chinese Commercial Airlines transport plane, carrying twenty-five persons, including five Canadians, was found wrecked and burned 100 miles west of Hankow today. It had been on a flight from Chungking to Shanghai and last reported leaving Hankow. Radio contact was lost after the plane took off from Hankow and the wreckage was found in thirty minutes' flying time from the field there.

Airlines officials, in the search plane, reported the transport had been badly burned. One wing was half a mile from the rest of the wreckage. This led to the belief that there had been an explosion which killed all on board. The Canadians included Mrs. P. Miller and three children, Paul, aged four; Peter, seven, and Philip, an infant, and Mrs. B. Kitchen, all of the United Church of Canada. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Kitchen, on their way to join their husbands in missionary work, were well known in Vancouver and White Rock. Mrs. Kitchen was a well known artist.

UNITED STATES WITHDRAWS FROM EFFORTS AT CHINESE MEDIATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—The Department of State announced today the withdrawal of the United States from the Big Three group established in China in 1945 to end hostilities between the Chinese central government and the communists. The United States is withdrawing from efforts at mediation between the two elements.

Secretary of State General George C. Marshall, in a personal statement on the Chinese situation said: "Sincere efforts to achieve a settlement of civilian strife have been frustrated time and again by extremist elements on both sides."



AURIOL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FRANCE—Vincent Auriol, left, Socialist leader and Speaker of the National Assembly, has been elected president of the fourth French republic. As president, Auriol will appoint Premier Ramadier to succeed Leon Blum, right, who accepted the office on an interim basis to tide the nation over a grave economic crisis. Auriol received 452 of the 863 votes cast, 10 more than the absolute majority required for election.

TRAIN WRECK BEING PROBED

Police Believe Bale of Fencing Wire Was Placed Deliberately in Switch

WALTON, Ind., (CP)—Searching investigation is proceeding into the train wreck here Monday night when a Pennsylvania Railroad train plunged into a defective switch which had been jammed by a bale of fencing wire. Four persons were killed. Several rolls of wire were stored in piles along the track at the scene of the wreck. The roll causing the wreck was two feet across and weighed 400 pounds. Police, after a thorough investigation, said the wire was "placed there deliberately. Perhaps it was the work of a crank or prankster or it might have been dropped by some one stealing the wire."

ALL SET FOR ROYAL TOUR

King, Queen and Princesses to Sail on Saturday—South Africa Primping

LONDON (CP)—The Royal Family has begun final preparations for the two-month, 10,000-mile tour of South Africa and none of them are likely to appear much in public now before the departure from Portsmouth on the battleship Vanguard February 1. Last minute packing is now taking place. If sartorial preparations for the royal tourists have been elaborate, they are not a patch on those taking place among those who will be their hosts. South Africans in London say their countrymen are badgering tailors for formal ensembles although no one ever fusses about little niceties of apparel.

COAL REPORT IS COMING UP

Three Hundred Thousand Word Document of Royal Commission to be Presented

OTTAWA (CP)—A 300,000-word report of the Royal Commission on coal which may hold the answer to many problems besetting Canada's coal industry will be tabled in the House of Commons January 31, the day after the opening of Parliament. The report has taken more than two years to complete after a three-man commission investigated various aspects of the industry.

Prince Rupert's Case For Air Services; Survey in Support

Recently, in an effort to establish the public convenience and necessity of establishing a scheduled air service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, the Canadian Pacific Airlines has conducted an exhaustive survey of the business, resources and service of this area. Since then Canadian Pacific Airlines has made formal application for permission to operate such a service. The information thus obtained and presented to the Transport Board is considered of sufficient interest to publish in the Daily News. Here is the sixteenth and final installment.

SUMMARY

In view of the slow or circuitous nature of present means of surface transport, there is a definite public demand for fast, consistent, scheduled air service over the proposed route.

The community of interest between Vancouver and its northern points, as well as between the individual points themselves, requires a scheduled air service to promote the economic growth of the entire area in relation not only to Canadian but international commerce as well. The inauguration of scheduled air service between the points in question would not replace existing means of surface transport, but would be available to that portion of the travelling public requiring the fast, direct service.

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imperial powers, faces new
of independence.

for Unloads
in Fish Here

United States Maritime
transport Lucidor
in port here this after-
noon from Ketchikan carrying
loads of frozen and can-
fish for rail shipment to
western United States over
lines. The vessel is ex-
pected to be here for the next
three days unloading.

ASSESSMENT DEALS LODGED

Eight appeals against
assessments by the city
were lodged up to clos-
ing for the appeal period
last night, it was an-
nounced this morning at the
office of City Clerk H. D. Thain.
The greatest number of ap-
peals came before the Civic
Court of Appeal in the city's
history.

of the appeals is the
appraisal values of
considerable number of prop-
erty in the city by the apprais-
ment conducted by Mr. Lafleche last
year.

taxation rate has not yet
been established by the city but
will be established later in the
year after the annual estimates
are brought down.

the court of revision will sit
in the City Hall on February 8.
The members of the Court are Mayor
and Aldermen McKay,
Sham, Nickerson and

Local Tides

Monday, January 30, 1947

6:59	19.1 feet
19:49	15.7 feet
0:22	7.6 feet
13:46	7.0 feet

Independence Day

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