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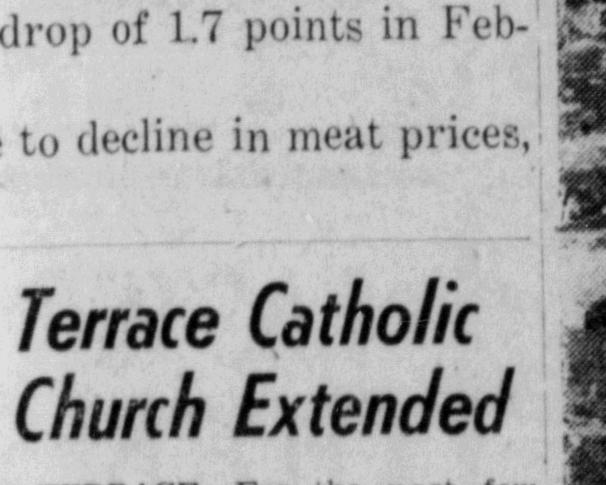
VA.—The Canadian cost of living index ts biggest decrease in ten years. Dominion Statistics today announced the index for 189.1 points, a drop of 1.7 points in Feb-

p is mainly due to decline in meat prices,

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e that Parliament highway.



TERRACE-For the past few weeks a crew of five men have been busy in remodelling and extending the existing little Catholic Church built at Terrace in 1915 by the late Bishop

The undertaking has become necessary on account of the growing population and the larger attendance in church.

An extension is being built to rear had been \$3,- the rear of the building 40 feet nue and expendi- in width and 30 feet in length new records last and, when completed, the partig to the company's tion will be removed, opening which was pre- the new addition into the main body of the church.

The interior will be complete into which its big ly redecorated and new pews e had forced the will replace the old ones.

Plans are to repaint the suildwas tabled in the ing outside and a rarking place mons by Transport or the side lots is being cleared se that during the services cars rdon, president of of members of the congregeation National Railways, may be parked off the main

implement recom- Father Leray and Father Rathe Royal commis- cette, who have charge of the portation by which parish, are well pleased with the

st Vulnerability

WA (Canadian Press)—Major General G.

oft Under Belly" From Standpoint

Defence, He Asserts

ience standpoint.

e, local fisherman,

Byrne was warned



IREVENTING LOG JAM-Spring is the time f r log drives and on many of Canada's northern rivers scenes such as this soon will be c mmonplace. Competent river drivers prevent log jams by skillfully using pike-poles to keep logs moving smoothly down the waterways. White Chute on Nipigon River, about 150 mil s north of Port Arthur, is one of the places where jams are likely to occur, mainly because of the fast-flowing water. Emory Matchett, left, and Charles Allison are the drivers working to free the logs. (CP PHOTO)

British Gold and Dollar Reserves at Crisis Level

LONDON (CP) - Britain disclosed today that gold and dollar reserves which pay for her life-giving trade have sunk below the crisis level with a loss of \$635,000,000 in the first three months of this year.

ot charges against their friends in and out of Ter- Four Die in tkes Sees Pacific Train Wreck

HAVRE, Montana (P)-A pair of Great Northern mail trains smashed together today on main line single track east of here early today and at least

An official said a 14 car east- turning of the tide in March in the House yesterday that the British bound train No. 25 drifted off and said: "Toward the end of coast is the "soft under belly" of Canada the siding on to the mainline at the month our reserves actually the east end of Fort Belknap, rose. A slump of gold and dollar 36 miles east of hele, and struck reserves-which finances world General Pearkes said this head on westbound 27, the 18 trade for the entire sterling when he answered a 90-minute car train rolling along on a area, coincided with a severe

Since the war, Britain considered \$2,000,000,000 reserve rock bottom for financial safety. Today, Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler told the House of Commons that reserves were down to only \$1,700,000,000. This is the lowest level since

a similar crisis forced a 30 per cent devaluation of the pound, September 18, 1949.

Rapid decline has cut reserves by more than half since they stood at \$3,800,000,000 nine months ago.

Mr. Butler found some ground ginning to ease. He told of the slump in British exports."

Labor Scores Heavy Gains Over Tories In County Contests

LONDON (Canadian Press) - Conservatives suffered severe setbacks in local elections that saw ism of Canada's role in Ger- Labor pile up lobsided victories. In important elections for the

the Liberals.

t at \$3,000, reduced the role assigned to it. He sug-Cold War But No Hot War Foreseen

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Sir Gladwyn Jebb. Britain's delegate to the United Nations, in an address here said he does not expect an all-out military clash between Moscow and the west. The cold war, he predicted, will continue for a long time.

TILLSONBURG (CP) - Tillsonburg Livingstone's on Thursday senior basketball championship by overpowering the YMHA sen-Demands for stiffer cuts are ior Blues 57-49 in the final game

of the three game series. Tillsonburg now meets Winnipeg Varsity Grads for the na- High

> Finals are scheduled for Till- Low sonburg, Ont., April 7-8-9.

-TIDES-Saturday, April 5, 1952

10:24 23:10 16:45

Joliet Quebec Little Long Lac Madsen Red Lake McKenzie Red Lake London County Council, which McLeod Cockshutt governs the city, the Labor Party Moneta gained thirty-seven - 36 from Negus the Conservatives and one from Noranda

The Conservatives took 92 of

Labor won eleven seats in Buckinghamshire and gained ten others in Middlesex. Both counties are near London.

In Cumberland, far to the north, Labor gained four. In Northamptonshire, centre of the shoe-making industry,

Labor gained fourteen seats. In the last County elections three years ago the Labor Party, which had controlled the London County Council for eighteen years, finished in a 64-64 tie with the Conservatives, Liberals

holding the only other seat. This year Labor won the Liberal seat and gnawed deep into

(Peace* River) in the Alberta Legislature, said he opposed the exporting of gas from the Peace River block until all towns, vil-17.2 feet lages and hamlets adjacent to 9.6 feet all pipelines in the area are as-6.3 feet sured of supply.

Harold Whalen said:

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HAVANA, Cuba (CP) - Russia, in anger over Cuba's refusal to let two Soviet diplomatic couriers bring secret documents into Havana from Mexico, Thursday broke off relations with the rev olutionary government of Fu

Russ Break

gencio Batista. Miguel Angel Campa, Cuban Secretary of State, said he had received a cable from the So viet foreign ministry it Mosco announcing the break.

the government in Havana last "We have given this project no month, pledged then that his thought, I claim. The building is regime would have nothing to being offered to us at a good do with communism but would price but for the same price we watch communist activities.

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.) lowed by the Soviet courier incident here March 21.

Today's Stocks

VANCOUVER

American Standard

Cariboo Quartz

Cronin Babine

Giant Mascot

Indian Mines

Pioneer

Premier Border

Reno

Silbak Premier

Sheep & Creek

Taku River

Salmon Gold

Silver Standard

Western Uranium

Anglo Canadian

Central Leduc

Pacific Pete

Royal Canadian

Beattie Duquesne

TORONTO

Spud Valley

Vananda

Calmont

Home Oil

Mercury

Okalta

Athona

Bevcourt

CM&S

Conwest

Donalda

Hardrock

Harricana

Louvicourt

Pickle Crow

Steep Rock

Silver Miller

Upper Canada

Gas Export

Opposition

EDMONTON (P) -- An Alberta

government member has express-

ed opposition to the export of

natural gas from Peace River,

while brokerage houses and stock

exchanges from Vancouver and

Vancouver prepared for another

W. F. Gilliland, Social Credit

day of bullish trading.

San Antonio

Sherritt Gordon

East Sullivan

Giant Yellowknife

Eldona

C & E

Reeves MacDonald

1.531

Bralorne

Congress

Privateer

BRX

Unable to clear their suitcases into Cuba without customs examination, the Soviet couriers returned to Mexico City on another air liner.

United States A.G. Also Out

Drama in Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. (P-Attorney General J. Howard McGrath' should be with an eye to the and Newbold Morris, the Tru-future, and obtaining the liquor Thursday in an astonishing two- ahead." act political drama.

ris who had tried to delve into his words consideration. finances of McGrath and other "Let us in the city counci high officials.

Less than four hours later problems. Voice your thoughts President Truman announced through the newspaper, on the McGrath's departure from the street corners, with whomever of Chilliwack. cabinet.

Truman named Federal Dis- "I don't think Prince Rupert trict Judge James P. McGranery citizens say what they think as the new attorney-general nearly often enough." McGranery is former assistant Mayor Whalen also had some- ers. attorney general and former thing to say about proposed Democratic member of the parking meters in the city. House of Representatives.

-WEATHER-

Synopsis

British Columbia this morning a source of revenue for the city, gained her sight. and there will be sunny periods but would not solve the parking in most districts this afternoon, problem, and asked citizens to In the northern sections and voice their opinions on this queson the west coast clouds and tion also. showers will persist today. A disturbance is developing

about 800 miles west of Califor- Big Fire in on the south coast tomorrow afternoon. Temperatures will be noticeably higher in the southern part of the province today and tomorrow. Forecast

perature. Light winds. Lows to- sons homeless. 38 and 46.

Defeatist Attitude Deplored by Mayor

Unwraps Piece of Crumbling City Hall Before Rotarians

Unwrapping a piece of the City Hall before astonished Rotarians at luncheon yesterday, Mayor

"When the City Hall starts falling down, it's time the citizens took a serious interest in civic af-

fallen from the top of City Hall to the sidewalk. He was introducing it "merely to attract attention.'

"I want to give you my side of the case in opposing city council's purchase of the old liquor store for our future telephone exchange building."

of city council in approving pur- making immediate plans to build chase of the building and called a \$130,000,000 pipe line to bring it "a defeatist attitude."

be one of the most valuable busi- Thursday. ness locations in Prince Rupert and striking it off the tax role forever but we are allowing our-General Batista, who seized selves no room for expansion.

could build a new building-on That pronouncement was fol- property that belongs to us and where there would be room for all our civic buildings in the

Mayor Whalen emphasized the "not too distant future." He said Gas Co. and the associated repart of the hall had been strip-

a "disgrace to the community." 1,460 miles long and have a Society investigated our jail, we feet of gas per day. Astonishing Two-Act Political would all be very much asham-

ed." The mayor also pointed out the need for housing for police. "Any action we take now manadministration's corruption store for our telephone exchange administrator, both got the axe certainly isn't looking very far

He called on Rotarians as city McGrath summarily fired Mor- businessmen and citizens to give

know how you feel about civic

you chance to speak.

parking problem. "Parking signs are not now said Mrs. Hardy, sat up, looked

have nothing to do with meters, three specialists who treated her Clouds were thin in southern He said meters could become confirmed the child had re-

the heart of this city's down- the 1951 census. North Coast Region - Cloudy town business district Thursday with rain showers today and night caused an estimated \$250,-Saturday. Little change in tem- 000 damage and left some 25 per- tories will gain one.

spit, 38 and 48; Prince Rupert, p.m. and was brought under redistribution. control 41/2 hours later.

Inadvertent Error in Engine Overhaul Sandspit Crash Cause

SEATTLE () - One of the engines on a plane which crashed into the Pacific near Sandspit January 19 last had been kept in serv'ce 225 hours beyond normal overhaul time, a Northwest Air Lines official testified at the Civil Aeronautics Board hearing here Thursday. Thirty-six of 43 persons aboard the plane lost their lives

in the accident. Paul H. Saunders, assistant system inspector for the Air

Line, told the board that the engine which failed should have been overhauled after 1500 hours of service but through "an inadvertent er: or!" was kept in operation.



NO DEFEATIST-. . . Mayor Harold Whalen

He explained that the three-foot piece of heavy molding had Alberta Gas

So Spokane Gas Line Corporation Will Bring It From Texas

SPOKANE (CP)-Pacific North-He deplored the hasty action west Pipe Line Corporation is natural gas from Texas to the "Not only are we taking pos- Pacific Northwest, Chairman session of what in the future will Ray Fish announced here on

Fish, by telephone from Houston, said that 300,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas authorized for export from Northern Alberta by the Alberta Conservation Board is not enough to make the ine from there "economically feasible." He said that he has a "verbal commitment" from N. Henry Gellert, president of the Seattle Gas Co., that the firm would buy Texas gas. He said he would try to get a similar need of a new city hall in the commitment from the Portland cently-bought Spokane Gas Co.

ped down for repairs, "and what The Pacific Northwest Pipe holds the hall up even now I Line Corporation will ask the don't know-unless it's the des- Federal Power Commission for perate faith of our old-timers." a permit to build a 26-inch line He deplored the condition of from northern Texas to the the present City Jail, calling it northwest states. It would be "I'm sure if the John Howard capacity of 200,000,000 cubic

Blind Child Sees Again

VANCOUVER (CP)-When twoyear-old Cora Dezwarts took her afternoon nap a few days ago she was blind, apparently for life. When she awakened two hours later, she could see again.

Cora's story was told Thursday by her guardian, Sid Hardy The little girl lost her sight in a train-car crash February

23 which killed her Dutch immigrant parents and two broth-Mrs. Hardy said when she put the child to bed after her lunch

He said he could not see how last Friday she showed no signs meters would solve the city's of recognizing anything. She woke up two hours later.

being enforced. Who will enforce around and said, "Hardy." the parking meters? Our police Dr. Frank Turnbull of the

Saskatchewan Loses 3 Seats

OTTAWA-Prime Minister L. S. St. Laurent indicated today that Saskatchewan will lose not five but three seats in the forth-PETERBOROUGH (CP)_Fire in coming redistribution based on

Nova Scotia will lose one seat. Yukon and Northwest Terri-

Mr. St. Laurent announced apnight and highs tomorrow-At The fire was in the Braund pointment of a 27-member com-Port Hardy, 40 and 48; at Sand- Building. It broke out about 4:15 mittee of Parliament to consider

Six Children Burn to Death

CAMPBELLTON, N.B. (CP)_Six children were burned early today when a converted barn erupted in flames here. Mother and small son fled just before the building crumbled in flaming ruins. The fire started about 8 a.m. while the family mem-

bers were sleeping. The dead, children of Mr. and Mrs. Odina Lavoie, are Georgette 18. Eveline 15. Odina jr. 11, Patricia 9, Rosaline 7, and Giselle 3.

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ORF, Germany (P)

he danger list, most expected to be made in the g poisoned by chlor- House when the bill is debated

the explosion was not auction of paper.

the injured were re-

determined. The all budget of \$1,700,000,000 for tional title. d to bleach cellulose research and development to

speech by Defence Minister straight stretch of track. Claxton at the opening of the first big defence debate in the present session of Parliament. Mr. Claxton told the House that strength of Canadian forces had been doubled in the 20 months since the outbreak of

ed for trial in po- the Korean war-forces now today, following tal 95,300 men—and predicted minary hearing. He that Canada's military construcwith intentional tion and equipment program Mrs. Vera Beynon, should hit its full stride about the end of the year. arrested by RCMP Pearkes reiterated his criticafter Mrs. Beynon to hospital with a many and said that the 27th

since the victim was gested that the Army may be

longer in critical organized along out-dated lines.

he province except W. D. Vance found Not Enough ence to make the de said. Crown prose-W. Brown, QC; deill likely take place

Brigade was ill equipped to play

sizes to be held here WASHINGTON, D.C. (P) - A \$4,240.638,500 cut in the defence department's \$50,921,022,770 budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 was recommended by the House of Representatives appropriations committee Thursday.

The \$46,680,384,270 which the committee approved will not be enough if actual war starts and were killed and 100 will be far too much if peace na chlorine gas con- comes suddely, Representative oded in a cellulose Mahon (Democrat, Texas), hight in the Ruhr chairman of the group that prepared the budget, told reporters.

> next week. produce latest type weapons.

three persons died when the engines exploded together. Three of the crew members were killed. Two others and a VC (Progressive Conservative, Nan-supervisory employee were in- for hope that the crisis was beofficial Opposition's military expert, jured.