

MOVING TO BREAK TRUCE DEADLOCK

Army Saves Girl's Life

CHATHAM, N.B. (CP)—Dramatic story of Marie Mazerolle had a happy ending Sunday when the eight year old girl, suffering from a ruptured appendix, was airlifted from the snowbound village of Point Sapin and underwent a successful operation here. Her condition is reported favorable with every indication of recovery.

Capt. James Gilbert, Canadian Army doctor, who parachuted into the northern New Brunswick fishing village last Thursday, said he was well pleased with the outcome. The Army doctor, who was accompanied on the combined Army-Air Force operation by Cpl. Thomas Roycroft of Edmonton, was unable to move the child when he first landed and spent a couple of days administering drugs to put her in shape to travel.

Rupert Entry Injured In Tourney Ski Jump

NOT SERIOUS

BURNS LAKE.—Injured in a trial jump Sunday, Prince Rupert's entry in the Northern B. C. Ski Tournament was not expected to enter competitions. John Skaldney fell on the first trial jump, the only stretcher case so far in the tournament.

He was apparently not seriously injured. Skaldney returned to the jump hill but could not make another trial. He was at a disadvantage as he arrived too late for practice jumps.

Ideal weather and a heavy field faced the judges at the opening Sunday.

The finals will take place tomorrow night. There have been several close decisions.

Philip May Be "King"

Spying on Old Sol

Conditions Good For Study Of Eclipse in Sudan Today

KHARTOUM, Sudan.—Lights went on as the sun went out of this capital of Sudan today.

The moon covered Old Sol completely for just over three minutes in a total eclipse shortly after 11 a.m.

Visibility seemed favorable for seventy scientists from ten countries who had waited for weeks to record the phenomenon with great mass of complicated equipment.

From their observations, they hoped to find out more about what is around and behind the sun and whether Einstein was right about relativity and how wrong the world's maps are.

Question of Neutral Observers Unsettled

MUNSAN (Canadian Press)—United Nations truce negotiators today moved to break the deadlock over selection of neutral truce supervisory commission, offering to withdraw their nomination of Norway if the Communists will give up Russia.

Under the Allied proposal, behind the lines inspections during the armistice would be made by representatives of two neutral countries for each side rather than three.

United Nations would be represented by Switzerland and Sweden and the Communists by Czechoslovakia and Poland.

The only immediate reaction was from the Chinese Col. Pu Shan who declared: "You have no justification to object to the nations nominated by our side which are in compliance with the definition of neutral nations."

Staff officers working on prisoner exchange made no headway during the 50-minute session. Col. George W. Hickman called it a "completely fruitless" meeting.

Communists complained that four Allied aircraft flew over neutral Panmunjon conference site today. The Reds demanded an investigation.

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Construction is likely to begin first week in March. Job is expected to be completed within five or six months. Store front will be of stucco and extruded aluminum.

Meanwhile, another company project, remodeling of Wallace Department Store, is expected to be completed within 30 days. The Woolworth contract will be signed March 1, said Mr. Martin. The chain store company architects designed the building.

Canada Wins Championship Charge Youth With Kidnap

MONTREAL (CP)—A pimply-faced 16-year old youth read a torn comic book in a police cell Sunday, seemingly unconcerned that police are preparing a kidnaping charge against him.

A three-year old girl, Barbara Nemeroff, whom he had allegedly kidnaped, was returned, apparently, unharmed to her parents Saturday.

Identified by the police as Robert Patenaude, the youth has not yet been charged. Officials said that the investigation has not yet been completed.

Police questioners said he told them: "I don't know why I took the little girl but I wanted money. I haven't got the faintest idea what I would have done with it. Probably I would have buried it somewhere."

The youth was arrested on crowded St. Catharine Street on Saturday. The little girl and he were walking along hand in hand.

Eden's Son Is Massey Aide

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Earthquake In Germany

Ludwigshafen Thought It Was Blast In Chemical Works

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany.—An earthquake shook Ludwigshafen area Sunday night as gases were being released skyward from the huge Badische Chemical Works. The city panicked in fear that an explosion had occurred.

Thousands of workers rushed to the plant to give emergency aid, remembering a tragic blast that killed 207 there in 1948.

But at the gates of the plant, managers told excited crowds that there had been no new disaster.

Heidelberg University observatory, less than ten miles from here, said the earth jar was so violent that instruments were unable to record its full intensity.

The tremor was felt at Frankfurt, 50 miles to the north, and at Stuttgart, 120 miles southward.

Foot-Mouth Disease Is Diagnosis

OTTAWA (CP)—Department of Agriculture today announced that the contagious animal infection in the Regina area has been identified as the dreaded foot-and-mouth disease.

Infected herds will be rounded up and destroyed. Farmers will be compensated for losses through federal funds.

It is estimated that probably at the most only three hundred head of cattle and perhaps 200 hogs may be destroyed.

Canada has a total of 9,000,000 cattle and 4,500,000 hogs.

Meanwhile in Washington, Representative W. R. Poage (Democrat, Texas), said the United States Department of Agriculture has barred imports of cattle, hogs and other cloven-foot animals from Canada because of the outbreak.

Mr. Poage said that the United States Agricultural Department's Bureau of Animal Industry was sending experts to Canada to help Canadian officials combat the disease.

Foot-and-mouth disease is feared by cattlemen throughout the world. It is as damaging to livestock as smallpox and bubonic plague are to humans. It spreads like wildfire and the only way to halt it is to slaughter infected animals and bury the carcasses.

The department says that the danger of human beings contracting the infection is "extremely remote," according to best medical advice.

Mr. Poage also said that the Canadian meat supply was not expected to be imperilled by the outbreak.

"Not unless the outbreak were allowed to get completely out of hand would the meat supply be noticeably affected," the department added.

EFFECT OF EMBARGO

There are fewer than 400 animals now under quarantine and they are likely to be slaughtered immediately. They are on 24 different premises in the Regina area.

A United States embargo on Canadian livestock, resulting from the foot-and-mouth disease in Saskatchewan, may have some effect on beef and port prices in Canada.

"The situation at the moment is not very clear," said Acting Agriculture Minister Winters at a press conference.

"If livestock cannot go to the United States, supplies will back up in Canada, possibly causing some surplus that may cause meat prices to go down."

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Air Marshal Edwards Dies

OTTAWA (CP)—Air Marshal Harold (Gus) Edwards, C.B.E., aged 59, chief of the Royal Canadian Air Force overseas during the early part of World War II from 1941 to 1943 and prominent in organizing the Commonwealth air training scheme, died Saturday night in Scotsdale, Arizona, RCAF headquarters announced Sunday.

Word of the death of the colorful veteran reached headquarters Sunday. The Air Marshal retired from the RCAF in 1944 and had been in ill-health for some time.

He had been living for some years at St. Saviour des Monts, Quebec, and went to Arizona several months ago.

Air Marshal Edwards was born in England but came to Cape Breton as a small boy with his parents.

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Soviets Plumping for Scandinavian Alliance

By THOMAS HARRIS
STOCKHOLM (Reuters)—Russia, using Finland as a bait, is trying to get Norway and Denmark out of the Atlantic Pact.

Soviet diplomats, over cozy lunches for Scandinavian politicians and officials, have been hinting for some time that Moscow now favors a neutral alliance between Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland to keep northern Europe out of any future war.

Hitherto, Russia has strongly opposed any agreement between Finland and the other three Scandinavian countries on the ground that such a neutral bloc would side with the West in a war.

Now she appears ready to trust the four countries to remain genuinely neutral.

It is believed that Sweden, who worked hard to bring about a neutral defensive alliance with Norway and Denmark in 1949 but failed, would welcome the formation of the four-power bloc advocated by the Russian diplomats.

It would strengthen Sweden's neutrality policy which is firmly supported by all Swedish political parties.

Denmark officially has said several times that she is well-satisfied with membership in the Atlantic Pact. But many Danes would feel even more satisfied in a neutral Scandinavian bloc if it could be created.

The Finns would be overjoyed to enter a neutral bloc with Russia's blessing and keep out of the way of any clash between the great powers.

Norway, on the other hand, has no faith in the Atlantic Pact and it would take a lot to get her out of it.

Nevertheless, Russia still seems hopeful of getting Norway and Denmark out of the pact, and apparently has found an ally in Finland's Agrarian party prime minister, Urho Kekkonen.

Kekkonen has made an indirect public appeal to Norway and Denmark to withdraw from the pact through the Agrarian party publication Maakansa.

He began by explaining that Finland's military assistance and friendship pact with Russia would operate only if Finland were attacked, or if Russia were attacked through Finland.

This is a new and freer interpretation of the pact, which also binds the two countries to consult on mutual defence measures in a war or threat of war.

Some observers here, citing Kekkonen's good relations with the Kremlin, believe Russia may have agreed to "tone down" the pact in exchange for Kekkonen's help in her anti-Atlantic Pact drive in Scandinavia.

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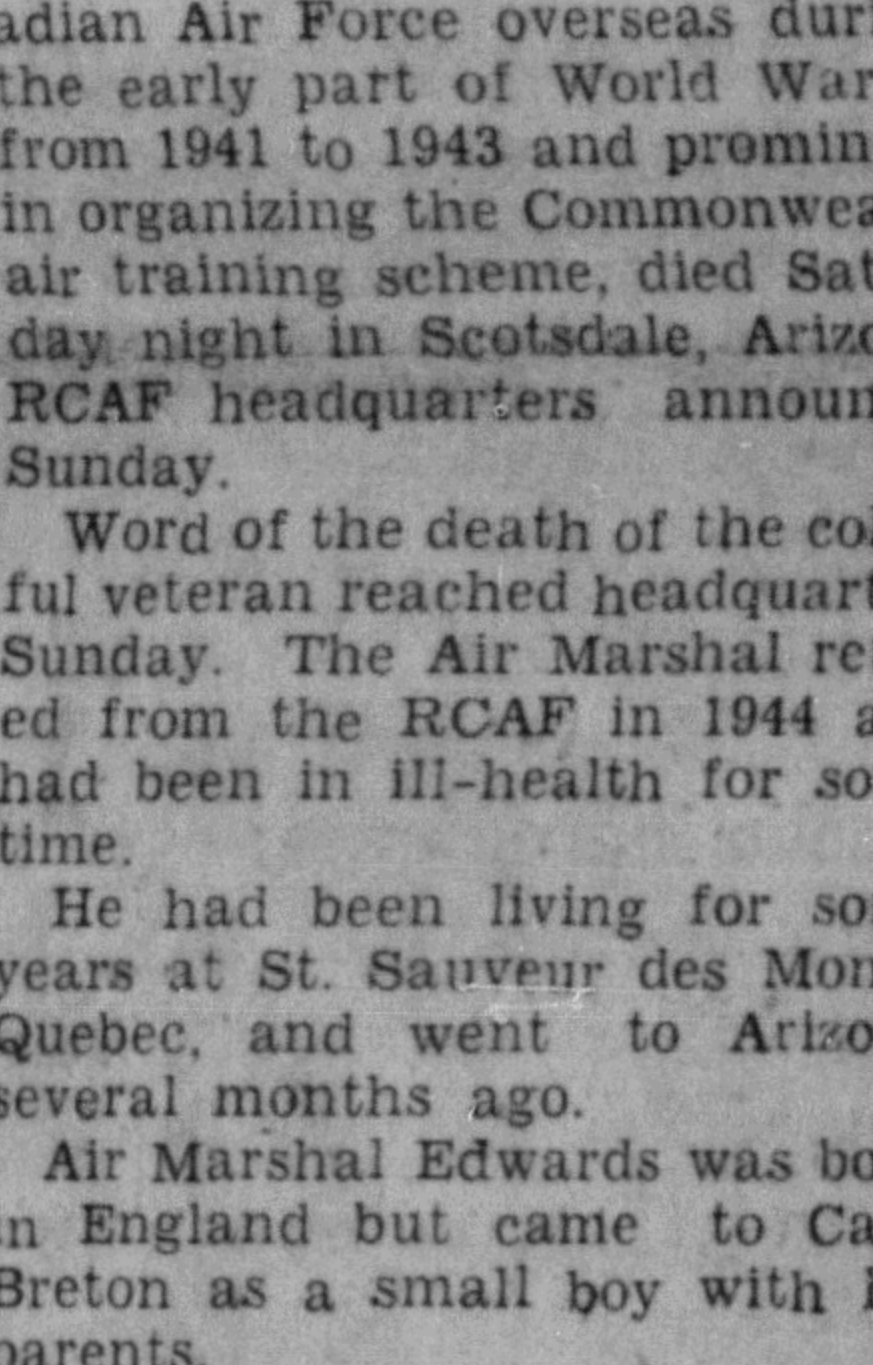
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Today's Stocks

(Courtesy S. B. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	25 1/2
Bralorne	6.15
B R X	.04
Cariboo Quartz	1.20
Congress	.06
Cronin Babine	.46
Giant Mascot	.97
Indian Mines	2 1/2
Pend Oreille	8.00
Pioneer	2.18
Premier Border	.33
Privater	.09 1/2
Reeves Macdonald	6.00
Rena	.03 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.67
Silbak Premier	.60
Taku River	.06
Vananda	.20 1/2
Salmon Gold	.04
Spud Valley	.14
Silver Standard	2.50
Western Uranium	3.20
TORONTO	
Athona	11 1/2
Aumaque	22
Bevcourt	.95
Buffalo Canadian	.24
C M & S	39.50
Conwest	3.80
Donalda	.50
Eldona	21 1/2
East Sullivan	8.75
Giant Yellowknife	10.20
God's Lake	.38
Hardrock	.13
Harricana	137 1/2
Heva	.12
Joliet Quebec	.52
Little Long Lac	.70
Lynx	.13
Madsen Red Lake	1.97
McKenzie Red Lake	.44
McLeod Cockshut	2.75
Moneta	37 1/2
Noranda	80.00
Negus	.61
Louvicourt	.30
Pickle Crow	1.60
San Antonio	2.47
Senator Rouyn	18 1/2
Sherritt Gordon	4.25
Sheep Rock	7.55
Silver Miller	1.59
Upper Canada	1.68
Golden Manitou	6.60

TIDES

Tuesday, February 26, 1952

High	2:05	22.3 feet
	14:11	22.8 feet
Low	8:07	3.0 feet
	20:25	1.4 feet

L. M. Felsenthal left by plane today for a business trip to Vancouver.