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TORONTO DAILY STAR

THE WEATHER
Toronto and vicinity—Wednesday: Clear, cloudy in evening. Low tonight, 5; high tomorrow, 20.

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SNOW CAUSES HYDRO SHORTAGE

Baby Girl Burned to Death At Dundas, Boy Dies Later

HOME AND SPORT EDITION

Vote on Strike Wednesday TTC Union Leaders Decide

SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL is lent by this policeman attempting to move one of hundreds of cars which were stalled or snowed in after the overnight snowfall. The storm bogged down traffic and made thousands of workers late. Street cars crawled

LONG LINES OF CARS and trams are seen inching along over snow-covered street. One big traffic snarl was at Mount Pleasant Rd. and Davisville Ave., where a construction program in the middle of the road squeezed traffic into two lanes. Major confusion was caused when right and left turns were attempted. Side street traffic was heavy and slow in all areas and little children en route to school made better time in the huge drifts than cars

—Star Photos by N. A. Polland and Robert Ransdale

TYPICAL SCENE AT ALL street car stops was this one where crowds jam a Bloor tram. Patrons lined up in snow and waited long. In their efforts to be first aboard the street cars, they stood in the roadways to hamper further an even flow of traffic today

LONG LINES OF CARS, TRAMS PILE UP ON CITY'S STREETS SAVE POWER, HYDRO PLEADS

An "urgent" appeal to power consumers in southern Ontario to conserve electricity, was issued today by Robert H. Saunders, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

"Adverse, dull, cold weather has placed a sudden additional strain on Hydro's power supply. This has been further aggravated by the loss of over 200,000 kw in capacity in southern Ontario, equal to about one-half the power load of Toronto, due to ice conditions and overloaded equipment," Mr. Saunders said.

TURN OUT LIGHTS NOT NEEDED

"It is urgently requested that all consumers save electricity during the heavy peak period from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. For the next two days, please turn out lights that are not needed and all electrical equipment wherever possible between these hours."

Toronto Hydro-Electric system officials today are contacting large industrial power users and asking them to reduce their energy consumption loads between the peak hours of 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

"I don't anticipate this is anything more than a temporary condition," said a Toronto Hydro official. "But if the emergency should continue we would request smaller industrial users—in fact all consumers—to co-operate in reducing the peak load."

Torontonians who had struggled to work today in a paralyzing storm which up to mid-morning had dumped nearly six inches of fresh snow on the city, looked forward to an even tougher homeward trip. At 1 p.m., snow was falling as fast as ever with no sign of the mid-afternoon let-up forecast by the weatherman. Heaped on Saturday's 8½-inch fall, the snow snarled rush-hour traffic.

The forecaster promised tumbling temperatures tonight again, with a low of five above predicted for tonight. A new storm moving in from the west threatened more snow for Thursday.

DIES AFTER WALK THROUGH SNOW

One death in Toronto was attributed to the storm by the chief coroner's office. Daniel McHugh, 52, of Springhurst Ave., collapsed and died of a coronary thrombosis just after he trudged through the snow from his home to the street car loop on Dufferin St., south of Springhurst Ave.

Two men took Mr. McHugh to the King St. W. office of Dr. Bruce Barnes, who pronounced him dead. Coroner Dr. George H. Ellis was notified.

The storm was general across Canada from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast and large areas of the U.S. were smothered under heavy falls, with three feet of snow reported at Watertown, N.Y. The north shore of Lake Ontario had one of the most crippling snowfalls.

10 DEAD IN CANADA, 163 IN U.S.

Deaths attributed to storms since last week-end today reached a total of 10 in Canada and 163 in the U.S. A huge mass of polar air sliding down the Rocky Mountain trench today was fanning out over the continent and promising no foreseeable let-up in low temperatures and snow.

Policemen Push Cars

One of the worst tie-ups in Toronto route was the York-Front intersection. Here police came to the aid of motorists by individually pushing the cars over the crest of the slope. At the start of the tie-up motorists spent as long as 20 minutes in the subway under the railway. Horns resounded from the walls as they urged action ahead. Many of the passengers left their cars to proceed to work on foot.

It was not until nine o'clock that a plow arrived to clear the way.

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SNOW CAUSES FOUR FALSE BANK ALARMS

Trouble in a burglar alarm today in a bank at Queen and Portland Sts. gave police four runs through the heavy going within two hours. Each time officers dashed into the bank they were greeted by amazed employees and customers. The heavy snow caused a short circuit in the alarm which rings into Claremont St. police station.

ADRIFT 38 HOURS AT 10 BELOW, 3 TOSSED ASHORE

Special to The Star

Cedar Beach, Dec. 18 — Three lighthouse keepers, adrift for 38 hours in an open boat in 10 below zero weather, were cast ashore today 48 miles from their lighthouse, about 10 miles out in Lake Erie.

Torn and buffeted by 20-foot waves, the three drenched and exhausted men were hurled ashore on Point Pele shortly before dawn today. While Peter Soroka, 18, of Lauder Ave., Toronto crawled to a house 200 yards away, his companions collapsed on the beach where the waves had thrown them.

Soroka was the radio operator at the light. His companions were Cole aMin, 29, of Dunnville, keeper, and Alfred Wigle, 40, of Leamington, his assistant, who has to walk with a crutch.

"I thought I would never see home again," Soroka said. "We all prayed and it must have been God

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FOUR OIL TANKERS HELD FAST IN ICE IN DETROIT RIVER

Special to The Star

Windsor, Dec. 18—Four Imperial Oil tankers were stranded in the Detroit River today, caught fast by a sheet of ice getting thicker by the hour.

The four, headed by the Imperial Leduc, largest oiler afloat, were bound for Toledo from Sarnia when they became stuck today, off Amherstburg, 18 miles south of here.

Two tugs from Amherstburg are trying to clear a lane for the tankers but have had little success so far. Other three tankers are the Imperial Windsor, Imperial Midland and Imperial Panoil.

The Imperial Leduc was damaged by fire in an explosion at its Sarnia pier several weeks ago. It was bound for Toledo for repairs.

BABY GIRL PERISHES IN BLAZING DUNDAS HOME BROTHER, 3½, DIES LATER

Special to The Star

Hamilton, Dec. 18—A six-month-old baby girl was burned to death in her crib and her three-and-a-half-year-old brother died in hospital after being plucked from the flames of a fire that roared through the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Philp of R.R. 1, Millgrove, last night.

Just Moved In

The couple had just bought the house and had moved to it from their former home in Hamilton, three weeks ago with their two children, George and Linda.

First to reach the scene of the fire was Mrs. Eldon Robillard, who heard Mrs. Philp shouting: "Come quickly and help me get the kids, the house is on fire."

"By the time I got over to her," said Mrs. Robillard, "flames were shooting out everywhere. We tried to get through the door, but flames beat us back."

Mrs. Robillard said the two of them then ran to the bedroom

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CANUCK GETS 15 YRS. FOR KILLING KOREAN

Seoul, Dec. 18—(CP)—Spr. John Murray Steeves, charged with the murder of a South Korean civilian, today was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

The findings of a court martial are subject to review and Steeves, of Moncton and Regina, is entitled to appeal to a Canadian court martial appeal board, a civilian authority.

COUNCIL REVERSES BOARD PLAN TO CUT FAIR RENT

Mayor-elect Allan Lamport — without appearing at city hall—yesterday led city council in an overwhelming reversal of a recommendation by Mayor McCallum and board of control to reduce rentals to the federal government for buildings used by the International Trade fair.

Mr. Lamport, who does not take office until Jan. 1, gave his views in a letter presented to council by Mayor McCallum. The letter and a report from board of control touched off the hottest debate of the last business meeting of the 1951 council.

Mayor McCallum said he was presenting the letter as a result of a telephone conversation with Mayor-elect Lamport last week. The letter requested the matter be laid over

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THE WEATHER

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

The Toronto and vicinity forecast is: Cloudy, clearing late this evening. Wednesday clear, clouding in evening. Intermittent snow stopping late this afternoon; colder. Winds southeast 15, becoming north 15 tonight, light Wednesday.

Mean yesterday, 11, or 16 below av. Lowest since 1841 (in 1856), —9. A year ago: High, 25; low, 18. Wind: Yesterday, 7 a.m., W.-S.W. 35; 1 p.m., W.-S.W. 16; 7 p.m., W.-N.W. 2.

Snowfall for last 24 hours, 5 ins.

Time	Temp.	Wind	Weather	Hum.
7 a.m.	24	E.-S.E. 20	Snow	93
Noon	29	—	Snow	94

Barometer: 7 a.m., 29.33; noon, 29.13
Sun sets tonight at 4.42 p.m., E.S.T.
Sun rises tomorrow at 7.47 a.m., E.S.T.

REDS NAME ONLY 11,559 POW'S IN 'COMPLETE' LIST

Munsan, Korea, Dec. 18—(AP-UP) — The Communists today turned over to the United Nations a list of 11,559 prisoners, including 3,198 G.I.'s and one Canadian. They said the list included all prisoners of the Korean war in their hands. The U.N. gave the Reds a list of 132,474 Chinese and North Korean prisoners.

The Allies reported 20,740 are Chinese; the rest are North Koreans. The over-all total, Nuckols said, includes 518 women. Excluded, however, were 40,000 South Koreans who had been impressed into the Red army and later captured.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo said it understands the Reds' list includes Maj.-Gen. William F. Dean, lost commander of the U.S. 24th Division. Dean has been missing since the fall of Taejon in July, 1950. Communist newspapermen at Panmunjon said AP photographer Frank Noel was also listed.

Lists were exchanged Tuesday, when Communist truce negotiators

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MAGISTRATE LENIENT AS SALVATION ARMY BAND PLAYS OUTSIDE

A Salvation Army band playing outside the courtroom, "must have put me in a good mood," commented Magistrate Thoburn as he imposed the minimum fine for driving with ability impaired.

James K. Goodhand, 25, of Burford, Ont., was fined $50 or 10 days. A second charge of careless driving was withdrawn.

Accused said he brought a friend to Toronto, whose father had just died. He had a drink at his friend's place.

Evidence was that accused was driving west on Bloor St. about 45 m.p.h. "on a wet slippery road." He slammed his brakes on and cut right on Madison Ave. and hit a hydro pole. His lights were off, police said.

HOLD TTC STRIKE VOTE ON WEDNESDAY, DALEY CALLS PARLEY AT PARK

Toronto's 4,700 TTC employees will take a strike vote tomorrow, James Robertson, secretary of the AFL Street Railway union, said today.

If the vote is for a strike, a mass walkout by TTC employees can be set for 4 p.m. Thursday, although union officials have set no strike deadline yet.

Ballot to be Secret

Ballots will be marked secretly between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. by employees at the various TTC works around the city.

The vote will be held despite a call by Hon. Charles Daley, minister of labor, for a meeting of union and commission officials tomorrow morning in an effort to avert a strike.

Mr. Daley stepped into the dispute last night as the union readied plans for a strike vote among the 4,700 TTC employees.

Mr. Daley asked TTC and union officials to meet in his Queen's Park office at 10 a.m. Wednesday. In a telegram to both parties, he said:

"I take a very serious view of the situation because this is a public utility and all parties must realize their responsibility to the public."

Meantime, Toronto business firms are getting ready for a possible strike. Industries, department stores and other commercial houses began

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THEFT FROM MAILS JAILS TEMPORARY WORKER FOR YEAR

William Nesbitt, 52, who pleaded guilty of stealing from the mails, was sentenced to one year by Magistrate Guilen today.

William Dickie, post office investigator said Nesbitt was employed Dec. 11 for the Christmas rush. "On Dec. 13 as a result of complaints, we watched accused. Last night he left his work with two cigarette lighters he had stolen, said Mr. Dickie.

'SUFFERING MORE ACUTE' THEY DREAD CHRISTMAS FUND NEEDS $27,506

By SAMUEL CAMPBELL

Eagerly—yes, almost hungrily—the small boy in the shabby clothes climbed on to the department store Santa Claus' knee and trustingly slid his tiny hand into St. Nick's big, white glove. Confidingly he asked: "Santa, will you please bring me a . . ." And the rest, of course, was just a whisper . . . top secret between Santa and him.

Tears Well in Her Eyes

The boy's mother, waiting at the railing, felt tears welling up in her eyes. She knew her only son would never get the more glamorous items at which he looked longingly in toyland. But there was a chance, she had been told, that he might get a box of useful clothes and smaller toys from The Star Santa Claus Fund. And she had taken it and placed his name on the list.

Today that fund—his only hope—has received free-will contributions totalling $37,493.98. It still needs $27,506.02 to reach its $65,000 objective by Christmas Eve so that 12,000 other underprivileged children may also be remembered. This means $4,584.50 on each of the six business days remaining before Christmas. Please mail your contribution today to The Star Santa Claus Fund, 80 King St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

This little boy's mother, like hundreds of others across Greater Toronto, dreads the very thought of Christmas. All it does, they say, is emphasize their sorrow and suffering by contrasting it with the great joy that overrides most city homes at this time of the year.

How can they celebrate the greatest of all holidays on the calendar around an empty table? It's impossible for the parents to have a "Merry Christmas," knowing full well their children will not share the gifts the youngsters deserve at this Yuletide season.

The Star does not apologize for asking for money to help these little ones and their distracted parents. Rather it takes pride in asking its readers to imitate the historic example of the Wise Men from the East and send in their gifts today to The Star Santa Claus Fund, 80 King St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

SCURRIES OVER THIN ICE NAB BRAMPTON FUGITIVE

Special to The Star

St. Marys, Dec. 18 — Howard Kramer, 21, of Woodstock, was captured today by provincial police after a two-hour man hunt.

Kramer escaped from Brampton reformatory a month ago after serving 11 months of an 18-month sentence for taking a car without the owner's permission.

He has been charged with breaking and entry and theft of $7.50 from a St. Marys house.

Kramer was arrested by Constable Jack Lightfoot at the end of a hunt through thick bush.

Chased by four provincial police officers and two civilians, Kramer tumbled headlong down a rocky steep 60-foot embankment of a quarry and scurried across 150 feet of thin crackling ice that covered 60 feet of water.

Using the alias of Howard Smith he had worked in Woodstock as a route salesman for a bread company. For the past two weeks he had lived in the home of a brief acquaintance in St. Marys.

Constable George Sullivan said Mrs. Gordon Haycock reported she had seen Kramer run from her home as she was returning after a visit. She found the back door had been forced open and a coin bank rifled of $7.50.

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