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Vancouver, Victoria & Westminister Tied Up By Street Railway Workers' Strike

Train Wreck Blame Placed

Dead Men Held Responsible For Fatal Labor Day Train Wreck at Dugald, Manitoba

OTTAWA (CP)—Violation of operating rules by the crew of an extra Minaki special excursion train of the Canadian National Railways was blamed by the Board of Transport Commissioners today for the wreck on September 1 that claimed 35 lives at Dugald, Manitoba.

The board, which conducted an inquiry last month, found that passenger extra No. 6001, westbound, had crashed into eastbound train No. 4 at Dugald station because it failed to turn into a siding as provided for under Canadian National Railways operating rules. Why this had been done could not be established as both engineer and fireman were killed.

The extra, known as the Minaki Special, was carrying passengers in nine wooden coaches, sandwiched between steel cars and the loss of life and injuries were heavy in these wooden coaches which caught fire.

The board is recommending that the Canadian National speed up with the replacement of wooden cars by steel and that the wooden cars be not run between steel cars.

DeGaulle Party Leads In French Elections

Communists Second and Socialists Third Following Municipal Voting Throughout Nation Yesterday

PARIS (CP)—Candidates nominated by General Charles DeGaulle's six-month-old "Rally of the French People" party were leading in 29 of 37 major municipalities of France today as returns from yesterday's balloting rolled in from all over France. DeGaulle's party held a substantial lead over all other parties, including the second place Communists, in early returns from municipal elections. Premier Ramadier's Socialists were third. There was a heavy vote, 15 percent higher than in 1945.

Plane With Nine Lost

R.C.A.F. Machine From Calgary Fails to Come In To Pentiction

VANCOUVER (CP)—An international search has been joined between the Okanagan district of the interior to the coast for a Royal Canadian Air Force twin-engine Mitchell bomber which has been missing since Saturday morning on a flight from Calgary to Pentiction with seven Air Force personnel and two civilians aboard.

The last heard from the R.C.A.F. plane was at 11:44 o'clock Saturday morning when it inquired from over Creston Valley about weather conditions for coming into Pentiction. The craft is believed to have had fuel enough to last until 3 p.m.

Names of those on board have not yet been announced but the civilians are believed to have been Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knight, who conduct a hotel at Pentiction and who had made a flight to Calgary with the plane.

Aboard the service craft, it was announced today were:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knight of Pentiction.
Flt. Lt. J. L. Macleod.
LAC B. E. Dowman.
Cpl. J. N. Sabourin.

These four R.C.A.F. personnel were all from Ottawa.
Flying Officer B. Cook.
Flying Officer A. G. Robertson, Winnipeg.
LAC W. H. Molyneux, Calgary.

When the missing plane radioed its weather inquiry to the radio range station at Creston Valley it did not give its own position.

The civilian plane between McMurray and Edmonton has also been missing since Friday.

An impenetrable ceiling, which closed down over the Okanagan Valley fruit-growing center today, hampered the intensive air search for the plane, a photographic machine. Earlier in the day from valley air strips on either side of the Rockies, armadas numbering more than twenty-five planes have resumed the hunt for the R.C.A.F. machine, a B-25 Mitchell bomber, and a light Bee, heading from Fort McMurray to Edmonton with a lone civilian flier, A. McNeil.

Hunting Is Fatal

Five Deaths in British Columbia Over Opening Week-end of Season

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbian duck-shooting and hunting season, which opened Saturday morning, has already brought death to five hunters, one from a shooting mishap, three from traffic accidents, and a fifth by drowning.

William Frank Islop of Victoria was instantly killed Sunday while hunting in the Lake Cowichan area on Vancouver Island. Police said he was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun carried by his cousin.

Other persons killed were:

Sidney Anfield, aged 49, Vancouver, who was returning from a hunting trip when struck by a Canadian Pacific Railway train at Port Coquitlam Saturday night.

John Rowan, 13, and Bert Caruthers, both of Vancouver, whose car plunged 800 feet down an embankment to the railway tracks near Chase in the Kamloops district Saturday.

Rudolph Sidback, 32, one of a party of six New Westminster hunters, drowned in a slough between Duck and Gun Islands early Sunday when his punt overturned.

SECOND CROP STRAWBERRIES

Prince Rupert Not Being Outdone By Vancouver or Victoria

Victoria and Vancouver have been boasting about their second crop of strawberries. Once again Prince Rupert can similarly boast. Last year there were second crop strawberries here. This year there are again. Mrs. William Slater, Sixth Avenue East, secretary of the Prince Rupert Horticultural Association, reporting them in her garden. They are well formed and a luscious deep red in color. Mrs. Slater earlier in the season had a good first crop.

WHAT CAUSES MOST FIRES

The Juneau fire chief, Minard Mill, spoke during the recent Fire Prevention Week, October 6 to October 12, his views being much the same as those expressed by Chief Lock at Prince Rupert during the same week.

Chief Mill placed special stress on the danger of smoking in bed. "One of the most serious phases of the local fire problem," he stated, "is the dwelling problem. That is why so much attention is being given during fire week to the home. Here, as everywhere, the most common causes of fire are careless smoking, smoking in bed, defective chimneys and flues, careless use of matches by adults and children, needless accumulations of rubbish, defective electrical equipment and the use of combustible cleaning fluids."

Canada Rail Strike Call

125,000 Employees to Quit Work November 3

MONTREAL (CP)—A strike affecting 125,000 employees of Canadian railroads has been called effective November 3 at 8 a.m. F. H. Hall, chairman of the negotiating committee of seventeen associated railway unions, announced today.

The strike is being called to enforce the union's request for fourteen days vacation with pay each year.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
The final in a series of storms which have been giving unseasonably heavy rains over southern British Columbia for the past week is moving inland over the western states today. Clear skies are expected to persist over the southern B.C. coast today and Tuesday with skies clearing throughout the southern interior of the province tonight. Cloudy skies will prevail over the northern portion of the province.

Forecast
Prince Rupert Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Southern section clear today. Cloudy Tuesday. Wind light today, northwest (20 m.p.h.) tonight. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high Tuesday—At Port Hardy 35 and 48. Northern section cloudy today and tonight. Tuesday overcast with rain commencing by afternoon. Winds westerly (25) today, light tonight, southerly (25) tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and high Tuesday—At Massett 39 and 48, Prince Rupert 38 and 50.

Local Tides

Tuesday, October 21, 1947		
High	6:45	15.5 feet
	18:00	16.5 feet
Low	12:11	11.5 feet

PREMIER TRAMLINE TO BE SCRAPPED; TRUCKS TO CARRY ORE AND SUPPLIES

The historic Silbak-Premier Mines Ltd. overhead cable tramline which has required a crew of 40 men to keep in operation will be scrapped and heavy motor trucks used for delivering concentrates to the wharf at tidewater and bringing in supplies. In making this announcement, Dale L. Pitt, managing director, says the heavy motor truck has been developed to the point which gives it the advantage from standpoint of cost.

An improved separation system for handling lead-zinc ores has been worked out at the mine by Premier's metallurgical staff. This will increase recoveries from the lower grade ores on which the operation is now more dependent.

Operating with 240 men the mine could employ more if they were available, says Mr. Pitt.

VANCOUVER (CP)—All public transit rolling stock in British Columbia's three major cities ground to a standstill at 4 o'clock this morning as 2800 street railwaymen walked off the job in support of wage demands of 20c per hour plus the 40-hour week.

Picket lines were immediately thrown around more than 25 British Columbia Electric Railway Co. operations centres in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

The paralyzing traction strike, third in Vancouver's history, left an estimated 237,000 workers in the three centres without normal means of transport. It also halted operation of trams to suburban Lulu Island, Burnaby and Marpole district, leaving more than 1700 workers in those areas stranded from reaching work in Vancouver and New Westminster.

The strike followed a rejection by 1700-to-700 vote of the union members on a government-supervised ballot of eleventh-hour offer of the company.

There was little absenteeism among employees in downtown stores although shoppers were noticeable by their scarcity.

Minister of Labor Gordon Wismer described the strike as "legal" although "unfortunate." Requirements of Bill 39 had been complied with and the union had given assurance that the strike would be carried on in an "orderly" and "legal" manner.

The company said that it had been unable to grant the wage increase because it would have meant increasing fares to 10 cents. If the public wanted a 10-cent fare, they could advise the company. If they did not want 10-cent fares, they should tell the union.

Birt Showler, on behalf of the union, said everything possible had been done to avert a strike.

Union spokesmen said those who normally travelled to work by car and now accepted lifts would be considered "unfair" to labor.

The Army is providing transportation for members of hospital nursing staffs.

Clear skies and fine weather at least made it pleasant for the many who had to walk to work today.

ARE VOTING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Federal By-Election On Today In York-Sunbury Riding

FREDERICTON, New Brunswick (CP)—Voters of the federal riding of York-Sunbury started voting today to elect a member to the House of Commons. The polls opened at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time and will close at 2 p.m. (Pacific Time) throughout the coal areas of the south and lumber and farming districts of the northeast and cotton and shoe manufacturing centre of Greater Fredericton.

There are 135 polls with about 31,000 eligible voters.

The voters are electing a member to succeed the late Hon. H. Francis Bridges, the minister of fisheries in the Liberal administration.

The new minister of fisheries is the government candidate with Progressive-Conservative and C.C.F. opponents.

PROCKTER IS PASTOR'S HEAD

Elected to Presidency of Ministerial Association—Bus Service Association

Rev. Basil S. Prockter was elected chairman of the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association and Rev. Fred Antrobus was voted to the office of secretary-treasurer when the association held its regular meeting.

Guest at the meeting was P. H. Linzey who interviewed the members on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Mr. Linzey asked that the city churches set one day when appeal may be made for support to the society. It was decided at the meeting that the association would co-operate in supporting Mr. Linzey's request.

RECOVER BODY FROM HARBOR

Remains of Sam Cecil, Elderly Native, Come to Surface

The body of a man identified as Sam Cecil, elderly Port Simpson native, who has been missing since September 27, was recovered from the harbor near the Imperial Oil Co. wharf Saturday afternoon by the city police.

The body was seen floating in the water by Alex Storrie who reported it to the police. Constable Harold Jonnston took it from the water.

Earlier on Saturday, Constable George Redhead had been grappling on the harbor bottom and reported hooking onto an object which broke loose before it was brought to the surface. It is believed that this may have been the body which later surfaced after being disturbed.

Coroner M. M. Stephens said that the circumstances indicated accidental drowning and that no inquest will be held.



BEFORE ARAB LEADER DELIVERED WAR THREAT—Jamal Hussein, left, nephew of the Grand Mufti, of Jerusalem, and spokesman for the higher Arab committee, is shown chatting with His Royal Highness Prince Amir Faisal Al Saud, of Saudi Arabia, during a recess of the United Nations special Palestine committee meeting at Lake Success, N.Y. Hussein later addressed the meeting and declared that the Arabs of the Holy Land will drench the soil of their beloved country "with the last drop of our blood" in opposing any plan to partition Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states.

Bulletins

ST. CATHARINES MURDER

ST. CATHARINES—Police said today that two men had been charged with vagrancy and were being held for questioning in connection with the murder of Gordon Spring Gay, 41, father of six children, whose battered body was found Thursday in a pond near here. The two men, Orville Melott of Guelph and Gordon Bright of St. Catharines, were arrested Saturday night in a beverage room here.

MEAT STRIKE NEAR OVER

VANCOUVER—Pacific Meat Co. re-opened today as meat packers commenced returning to work following strike settlement on a basis of a ten-cent-per-hour increase in pay and 44-hour week. Other independent plants will re-open tomorrow and Swift-Canadian Co. probably on Wednesday with Burns & Co. and Canada Packers expected Wednesday also. Strike votes are in favor of settlement on this basis.

BRITISH HOUSE OPENS

LONDON—The second session of Parliament with a Labor government opened today. The Speech from the Throne said there had been substantial progress toward economic reconstruction but continued sacrifice and hard work by the people was still vital. The forthcoming marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Phillip Mountbatten was officially announced.

CZECH DEMOCRATS FIGHT REDS

PRAGUE—Czechoslovakia's Social Democrats announced Sunday that they had merged into one national party, the country's first, and would continue to fight any merger with the Communists. Heretofore each party had had Czech branches for Bohemia and Moravia and a Slovak branch.

SMALL BOY MURDERED

Brutally Slain, Body of Roddy Moore of Vancouver Is Found

VANCOUVER—Brutally bludgeoned and murdered, the body of Roddy Moore, 8-year-old Vancouver boy, missing since Friday morning when he failed to arrive at school, was found yesterday in a clump of bushes near the school he attended on Seventh Avenue at Rupert Street in the eastern section of the city. Up to last night there had been no arrests nor had anyone been questioned, the police said, although a widespread search was on.

The boy was the stepson of J. H. Turner, logging operator.

The lad had spent Thursday night at his grandmother's and alarm was felt when he failed to show up at school Friday.

Full resources of Vancouver's police department were being thrown today into efforts to effect a solution of the fiendish murder. Police admitted it was a case of murder.

The body was found shortly after noon Sunday at the bottom of a shallow depression on the Begbie School grounds.

The police said that the boy's head had been "literally pounded" into soft earth. The left side of his head had been crushed and bore the imprint of a steel heelplate.

CONE SHIPMENT FROM ISLANDS

First shipment of Sitka Spruce cones to be sent from Massett Inlet in two years was brought here aboard the steamer Cassiar yesterday bound for an extraction plant at Roy, Washington. It consisted of 2,000 sacks each containing some fifty pounds of cones which had been gathered by natives and others and assembled at Massett.

MANY TONGUES

More than 200 languages are spoken in India.

Ruins Body

That of Lars Johanson, 50, a man who perished when a five-story building was destroyed by fire in the early Friday morning.

The charred body was found Sunday afternoon by a group of boys who were digging through the twisted metal and ashes that once were the Hotel Discovery was owned by Alvin Jones, a young man who was attracted to the actions of his dog.

Identification of the body is not positive, the police said, but it is that of a man who was occupant of the room in the hotel. Efforts are made to establish identity by means of the fingerprints of the 23 residents of the hotel who had not been identified for Johanson had not been identified because it was known for certain that he had not been in the room at the time of the fire.

The owner of a gillnet boat at the Cow Bay spent a considerable amount of time on it.

Children who discovered the body called the police, and the Ted Brue and Fire Dept. went to investigate.

Andreas Hagblad, owner of the destroyed hotel, said he believed the body to be that of Johanson.

SAFE BOSTON

TON (CP)—A flotilla of five craft tied down their masts Sunday as the coast-guarder Bibb steamed into Harbor, carrying sixty passengers who had been rescued from the wrecked ocean liner Sky Queen.

Two passengers, including a Canadian, and a crew member were forced down with the ship mid-ocean last Tuesday. The ship was in good condition when the ship reached Boston.

Of the survivors were rescued, as to how the ship had been operated, charged with overcrowding, lack of safety equipment and "utter carelessness."