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## ENNEL NOT IN RACE FOR LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

### Each Develops Between Soviet and France

#### Trade Talks Suspended; S.S. Delegation Expelled

PARIS (CP)—Constituting what is considered a dramatic breaking off of relations, twelve members of the Soviet repatriation mission to France were expelled tonight for "subversive activities in France," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Meanwhile Soviet Russia called off her trade talks with France today and accused the French government of acts "hostile and contrary to the spirit of alliance and mutual assistance" between the two countries.

The Moscow radio broadcast contents of a note which had been handed to the French charge d'affaires in Moscow by the Soviet foreign minister, Andrei Gouzev, in which the Russian decision on trade talks was disclosed.

Russia's note charged the French government with "unilaterally annulling" the two-year-old repatriation agreement for the return of each other's nationals, ordered the Russian repatriation mission home from France and announced expulsion of the French mission from Russia.

The Soviet embassy in Paris announced earlier that the French repatriation mission had been ordered to leave Russian territory at once.



LONDONERS QUEUE FOR POTATOES NOW ON RATION—While London's gentry were waiting to queue before the royal family on Elizabeth's wedding day, the workaday Londoner, mainly the housewife, was queuing up for what was once England's most common commodity—the lowly potato. England's stringent rationing had reached the spud market and this line is looked upon as the first of more to come as Britain tightens its belt for a long hard winter.

### Skeena Member Desires To Carry On As Minister

#### Resolutions Being Considered Today At Vancouver Liberal Convention—Chieftain To Be Elected Tomorrow

VANCOUVER (CP)—Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests, today announced that he would not be a candidate for leadership of the provincial Liberal party. "I do not propose to allow my name to go before the convention," Mr. Kenney said shortly before the opening today of the province-wide convention to select a successor to Premier John Hart as leader of the Liberal party in British Columbia. He was reported to have had the general support of delegates from northern constituencies who now become free agents at the convention with the right to vote into the leadership one of the two top candidates—Attorney-General Gordon S. Wismer or Byron (Boss) Johnson, M.L.A. for New Westminster.



COULDN'T FORM CABINET—Wartime Premier Paul Reynaud, failed to form a new middle-of-the-road government.

### Skeena River Gives Up Dead

#### Body of Peter Sheremata and Station Wagon Recovered After Six Months

More than six months after the tragedy, seasonally low waters of the lower Skeena River last night yielded up the remains of Peter Conrad Sheremata of Edmonton, 36-year old employee of the War Assets Corporation, and a service wagon with which he plunged from the Prince Rupert Highway into swirling waters of the river on May 31 last year near Salvus station.

Having been sighted by Gordon Little, East Kwantlen sawmill operator, in the river about 100 yards below where it was believed to have left the highway, the vehicle was pulled out last night by means of lines, a boat and auto wrecking equipment from Parker's Garage here.

### BEER PARLOR TAX BYLAW IS APPROVED

City council last night gave final approval to a bylaw authorizing the taxation of beer parlors and introduced several other bylaws, some of them routine land sale documents, at its second-last meeting of the year last night. The bylaws which were introduced last night will be given final approval at the next meeting on December 22.

The beer parlor bylaw allows the city to levy taxes on beer parlors on the basis of the amount of the license paid by the parlor operators to the provincial government. This, in turn, is based on the amount of beer sold.

### Premier Hints at Early Election

#### GOV'T OFFERS LOTS FOR SALE May Come Sooner Than Expected, House Is Told

OTTAWA (CP)—Hint of a possible general election sooner than the Opposition expected was dangled by Prime Minister Mackenzie King in the House of Commons yesterday after John Bracken, Progressive-Conservative leader, called for a vote of non-confidence in the government. Mr. King gave the cautiously-worded hint after Mr. Bracken had concluded an address in the Throne Speech debate by urging that the Governor-General be advised that his "advisers" do not possess the confidence of the Canadian people." Mr. King said that there was no better test of the people's confidence than an election and recalled that the government had won the last five by-elections.

"What about the sixth?" Mr. Bracken asked.

"The sixth may be a general election and may come sooner than my honorable friend expects," retorted the Prime Minister.

Mr. King's election hint revived speculation today that a general election might be called some time in 1948 with Mr. King retiring as leader of the party.

Normally Canada would not have to hold an election until the fall of 1950.

### WITHDRAWAL OF ALASKA VESSEL

#### Taking of Camosun Off Run Seen as Blow to Move for Relaxation of Jones Act

VANCOUVER.—Union Steamship Ltd. officials, pointing out that Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Steamships were continuing in the Alaska trade, made statements discounting comment by some shipping men that their withdrawal from the Alaska service was a blow to the proposed relaxation of American shipping laws which they hoped would be amended to permit Canadian vessels to carry United States freight to Alaska.

The steamer Camosun will be withdrawn by Union Steamships from the run to Prince Rupert and Ketchikan for the winter season tomorrow on her arrival here from a regular voyage north. Light shipping business during the winter is said to be the reason for the withdrawal although it was a surprise that the vessel was being taken off the run before Christmas as there had been heavy passenger bookings from Alaska points during the next couple of weeks.

### YOUNG SENATOR HEART VICTIM

ST. CATHERINES, Ont. (CP)—Hon. John Joseph Bench, K.C., aged 42, one of Canada's youngest senators, died today of a heart attack. Senator for Lincoln, he had been ill about a week.

### RENT CONTROLS BEING EXTENDED

OTTAWA (CP)—Rent controls on domestic dwellings are expected to be extended by Parliament, either at the current sitting or when it resumes next month, to end March, 1949, informed sources said today.

CHELMSFORD, Essex, Eng. (CP)—Walter Deacon, who claimed to have invented the "Stop-Go" traffic lights died aged 73.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	
Bralorne	10.50
B.R. Con.	0.44
B.R.X.	0.09
Cariboo Quartz	2.75
Dentonia	16
Grull Wikksne	0.51 1/2
Hedley Mascot	0.95
Minto	0.20 1/2
Pend Oreille	2.01
Pioneer	3.60
Premier Border	0.34
Privateer	0.33
Reeves McDonald	1.05
Reno	14
Salmon Gold	20 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.10
Taylor Bridge	50
Vananda	21
Congress	0.03
Hedley Amalgamated	0.03
Spud Valley	17
Central Zeballos	0.11 1/4
Silbak Premier	60
Oils—	
A.P. Con.	12
Calmont	35
C. & E.	2.60
Foothills	2.60
Home	4.55
Toronto	
Athona	10
Aumaque	23
Beattie	83
Bevcourt	53
Bobjo	15
Buffalo Canadian	16 3/4
Conwest	1.22
Donalds	90
Eldona	93
Elder	68
Giant Yellowknife	6.20
God's Lake	86
Hardrock	33
Harricana	0.81 1/2
Heva	25
Hosco	43 1/4
Jackknife	0.71 1/2
Joliet Quebec	44
Lake Rowan	15
Lapaska	18
Little Long Lac	1.57
Lynx	0.09
Madsen Red Lake	3.10
McKenzie Red Lake	60
McLeod Cockshutt	1.50
Moneta	35
Negus	2.05
Noranda	45.50
Louvicoart	1.50
Pickle Crow	2.45
Regcourt	0.08
San Antonio	4.20
Senator Rouyn	60
Sherritt Gordon	2.97
Steep Rock	2.10
Sturgeon River	20



AT SESSION'S OPENING—Minus the pre-war scarlet tunics and bearskins of the Governor General's Footguards but with the usual pageantry and traditional formality of custom His Excellency Viscount Alexander, last Friday afternoon, presided at the opening of the fourth session of the Twentieth Parliament in Ottawa. The Governor General is shown above with Lady Alexander, taking the salute from a composite guard of honor, on his arrival at the Parliament Buildings. (Canadian Army Photo)

### BULLETINS

**FRENCH STRIKE OFF**  
PARIS—The French Confederation General du Travail (CGT) tonight ended the general strike, which at one time had two million men off their jobs, ordering its members to resume work. The government yesterday, after offering a \$13 a month cost of living premium, had ordered the strikers back to work by tomorrow.

**CANON TURNER DIES**  
WINNIPEG—Canon John Turner, 42-year-old Anglican missionary, who was rescued from his lonely mission outpost at Moffett Inlet within the Arctic Circle after he had been accidentally shot, died in hospital today.

**FIGHT FOR TEL AVIV**  
JERUSALEM—Arabs attempted to storm Tel Aviv last night but were driven back with casualties. Communal strike broke out anew this morning and first reports said three Jews had been slain.

**SNOW IN VANCOUVER**  
VANCOUVER—Vancouver people woke up today to see snow on the ground and on the roof tops. However, it was expected to clear today with possibly more snow tomorrow.

**EXCISE TAX LIFTED**  
OTTAWA—Finance Minister Douglas Abbott announces the lifting of the 25 percent excise tax on gas stoves, electric ranges and heaters, electric and gas refrigerators and organs for churches.

### THE WEATHER

forecast  
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Variable cloudiness and widely scattered showers, clearing early this afternoon. Increasing cloudiness tonight, becoming overcast Wednesday forenoon. Intermittent rain beginning Wednesday afternoon. Winds northwest (15 m.p.h.) today, decreasing to light tonight and increasing to southerly (20) Wednesday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs Wednesday—At Port Hardy 35 and 44, Massett 32 and 44, Prince Rupert 35 and 44.

**Voters!**  
YOUR CANDIDATES FROM THE PLATFORM!  
ELECTION RALLY  
The Centre Auditorium  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9  
8 p.m.  
Candidates have been invited to speak—Come and hear them.  
Arranged by the Chamber of Commerce

### CITY FIRE BECOMES ARCH BELL

Prince Rupert's ancient fire spread fire alarms for a generation before it became a hazard to itself, will find a new home at the Porcher Island in Kitkatla where it will be converted to church.

The fire was taken from its old home three weeks ago during the fire hall and now sits in the dry dock. Following a decision by city council, it will be turned over to the villagers of Kitkatla church bell.

The bell, which is more than a ton, was bought by William Ridley and the Shaw of Kitkatla. The bell last night, after being used as a possibility of being used as scrap, decided the villagers could have it for a charge.

It would be a nice addition to the Alderman Nickerson's council approval.

The bell is made of cast iron and has an estimated scrap value of \$50.

### MAN MAYOR RETURNED

Popoff of Slocan  
Reclamation—B.C.  
Vancouver (CP)—Fifteen other mayors and two were named to office for the time when their candidacies were announced by acclamation. Emily D. Popoff, chief of Slocan City, was re-elected by acclamation. Mayors T. J. McEwen, Chilliwack; J. C. Duncan; Fred W. Scott, Vancouver; Walter Hardman, Nanaimo; B. J. Hawkey, Fernie.