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# Deal for Acquisition of Port Installations Put Up to Community

## Kenneth Meek, Now Holding Former U.S. Property On Agreement of Sale, Has Proposition

Announcing that he had been working for two years towards the end of organizing "for peace-time" the opening of the port, the waterfront installations established here during the war by the United States authorities, Kenneth Meek of Calgary had preliminary discussions with the executive council of the

# Russia Hit by Inflation

## Money is Devaluated Ten to Twenty Times—Prices Being Controlled

LONDON.—The Russian government, admitting for the first time that postwar inflation had hit its controlled economy, said tonight that it was taking a program of currency reform to combat speculation and the spiral of prices.

The "reform" will include the issue of new currency notes which old rubles brought in for conversion will be changed at the rate of ten to one new.

In addition, rationing will be based on all "food and industrial goods and consumer goods" will be brought under uniform control.

Announcements by a Moscow radio station were picked up by a London monitor.

# WORKLESS IN SASKATCHEWAN

## REGINA—Figures from nine employment offices in Saskatchewan show an increase of 1,000 unemployed men and 900 women. There is more unemployment, annually, once harvest concludes, and its scope varies.

Regina, Saskatchewan and Prince Albert show the highest unemployment.

# Westminster Gets New High School

## NEW WESTMINSTER—This town is to have a new high school. The estimated cost will be around \$1,200,000. Bids will be invited. The architect is Evans and Son of Vancouver.

# THE WEATHER

## Synopsis

Cloudy or overcast skies were reported over British Columbia. Morning with showers along coast and snow flurries over interior. An extensive storm is approaching from the west and will bring general rain and strong winds to the coast by Tuesday with snow to the interior. Province tomorrow. Moderate temperatures may be expected over the province tonight.

## Forecast

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte and North Coast—Overcast today with rain commencing early afternoon. Cloudy showers Tuesday. Winds westerly (15 m.p.h.) increasing to gale force (30) by late afternoon and shifting to southwest overnight. Normal temperatures. Low tonight and high tomorrow: Port Hardy 37 and 45; Massett 37 and 45; Prince Rupert 37 and 45.

Northern British Columbia—Overcast today. Overcast with rain flurries tonight and Tuesday. Light winds. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Telegraph Creek 12 and 25.

# OLD WOOD SCULPTORS

The earliest examples of wood carving are some remnants of Indian carving dating back to the 10th century.

# FIGHTING

## Another Flare-up Reported In Troubled Indian Province

NEW DELHI.—Hundreds of fatal casualties are claimed by both sides in a week-end flare-up of fighting in Kashmir between Indian-Dominion troops and "Free Kashmir" rebels and invading tribesmen.

Killing of 400 Indian troops in a surprise attack on Ru. key town, fifty miles from the Pakistan border, is claimed by the "Free Kashmir" government.

Attackers' casualties are given as thirty-five.

The Indian Defence ministry announces more than 320 raiders killed by Indian troops in the Uri area.

# LANDSLIDES HIT RAILWAY

## Trains on Vancouver Line are Held Up for Hours

VANCOUVER.—Small scale landslides in the Rockies Friday disrupted Canadian National Railways train schedules during the week-end but caused no casualties or property damage.

Eastbound trains Friday night were delayed 12 hours in reaching Edmonton but were expected to cut the delay to eight hours at Winnipeg.

Trains reaching Vancouver on Saturday were four hours late.

High winds were held responsible for the blowing of rocks, shale and mud onto the tracks.

# LOCAL TIDES

Tuesday, December 16, 1947		
High	3:59	18.5 feet
	15:23	19.8 feet
Low	9:31	9.4 feet
	22:05	4.5 feet

ment that may be installed in the American installations.

The present estimated value of these installations as a going concern is placed at \$2,000,000.

They are covered with fire insurance to the extent of \$500,000.

## WHAT \$500,000 IS NEEDED FOR

The sum of \$500,000 which it is proposed to raise covers the following items:

Owing to War Assets Corporation, \$225,000.

Owing to Alberta Syndicate, \$50,000.

Capital required to remodel administration building and build coal bunkers, etc., \$225,000.

Under the proposal stock division would be to persons who contribute capital for the purpose of purchasing the harbor facilities who would receive preferred shares to the amount of their contributions and would also be entitled to purchase ordinary shares of the proposed company up to the amount of their preferred share holdings.

# TO DAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver		Buffalo Canadian	
Bralorne	11.00	Consol. Smelters	96.75
B. R. Con.	.04*	Conwest	1.01
B. R. X.	.08	Donalds	.90
Dentonia	.17 1/2	Eldona	.90
Grull Wihksne	.05 1/2	Elder	.70
Hedley Mascot	.95	Giant Yellowknife	6.00
Minto	0.2 1/4	God's Lake	.86
Pend Oreille	2.10	Hardrock	.35
Pioneer	3.60	Harricana	.08 1/2
Premier Border	.04 3/4	Heva	.25
Privateer	.33	Hosco	.45
Reeves McDonald	1.10	Jackknife	.06
Reno	.12	Joliet Quebec	.44
Salmon Gold	2.1 1/2	Lake Rowan	.15
Sheep Creek	1.10	Lapaska	.10 1/2
Thayer Bridge	.50	Little Long Lac	1.51
Congress	.03	Lynx	.09 3/4
Hedley Amalg.	.20	Madsen Red Lake	3.25
Spud Valley	.01 1/4	McKenzie Red Lake	.60
Silbak Premier	.15	McLeod Cockshutt	1.50
Oils—		Moneta	.40
A. P. Con.	.15	Negus	2.05
Almont	.45	Noranda	48.00
C. & E.	3.10	Louvicourt	1.45
Home	5.00	Pickle Crow	2.45
Toronto		Regcourt	.08 1/2
Athona	.10	San Antonio	4.15
Aumaque	.23	Senator Rouyn	.70
Beattie	.90	Sheriff Gordon	2.99
Bevcourt	.51	Steep Rock	2.10
Bobjo	.15	Sturgeon River	.22

# Piracy Off Coast of China

## CURTAILMENT IS CALLED OFF

### Union Steamship Co. To Retain Present Service

Late this afternoon announcement was made by Union Steamships Ltd. that the proposed curtailed schedule of sailings which was to have been put into effect between Vancouver and Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlotte Islands had been cancelled and that the schedule as at present would be maintained. This provides for two sailings a week between here and Vancouver via "Inside Passage" points. The weekly service to such points as Bella Coola, Ocean Falls, Port Simpson, Stewart and Alice Arm is maintained. The Cassiar will remain on the Queen Charlotte Islands Island run on a fortnightly basis.

The proposed reduced service had met with vigorous protest from the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce as well as such communities as Massett and Stewart.

CHICAGO DAILIES PUBLISH WITHOUT TYPOS—Outside of the Herald-American building in Chicago, pickets carrying placards march in front of the entrance, proclaiming a strike. All Chicago daily newspapers have been forced to use photo-engraved editions instead of the customary linotype-set forms because of a strike of the Typographical Union.

## FIRST MINK SALE HELD AT REGINA

REGINA.—The recent live mink auction here was the first ever held on the continent. The animals offered numbered 306 and the bidding was spirited. The sales approximated about \$10,000,000 worth of selected breeding mink.

## AIRPORT WITH LANDING FIELD AND RANGE FINDING STATION ARE NEEDED

The building of an airport for the use of land planes is an expensive thing but it is the only ultimate answer to establishing a city as an aviation centre and the city of the importance of Prince Rupert is today unique in that it has no landing field, commented E. W. G. MacConachie, president of Canadian Pacific Airlines, who visited here at the end of the week in the course of a tour of the company's western operations. Another aviation "must" here, in the meantime, Mr. MacConachie told the Daily News, was a radio range finding station which, if and when provided, would enable air services by sea aircraft to be carried out as regularly and reliably as boat service. It would reduce delays owing to weather conditions from a matter of days to hours.

Mr. MacConachie told how the radio range finding station now being moved from Massett to near Sandspit on the Queen Charlotte Islands would make it possible to operate off Sandspit with 300-foot ceiling and one mile visibility instead of the 600 feet and two miles now required.

Mr. MacConachie admitted that recent interruptions to the Vancouver-Prince Rupert air service had most infrequently been due to adverse weather conditions here but due to conditions around Vancouver, Port Hardy and Sandspit. Nevertheless, he felt the radio range finding station should be established here in the interests of reliable, safe, economical and efficient service.

Mr. MacConachie expressed some concern over falling off in air travel from Prince Rupert of late but was hopeful that it was only temporary and would not necessitate a cutting down of the service. Nor was any increase in through fares contemplated, said Mr. MacConachie.

Held up himself during his flight from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, Mr. MacConachie was able to see the necessity of suitable accommodation being provided for delayed passengers at waypoints such as Sandspit and Port Hardy and suggested that something might be done about it.

The chief of C.P.A. was accompanied by W. G. Townley of Vancouver, superintendent of operations, Pacific Division.

## WILL FYFFE DIES

GLASGOW—Will Fyffe, well-known Scottish entertainer, died yesterday. He was 62.



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# Dutch Passenger Ship Held Up and Robbed of \$500,000, Cash, Jewels

HONG KONG (CP)—Pirates boarded a 4,552-ton Dutch passenger ship, Van Huetz, robbed the passengers of cash and jewelry valued at hundreds of thousands in Hong Kong dollars and escaped in commandeered junks today after temporarily holding the captain as a hostage. The theft is estimated to have totalled \$500,000.

The pirate leader spent a comfortable night in the captain's quarters while his gang—estimated to number 25—went about its wholesale robbery.

It was later reported that the pirates, who had robbed 1600 passengers, had kidnapped six passengers, presumably for later ransom. Identities of the captive prisoners are not known.

STUDY FOOD CONTRACTS LONDON.—Summary of Canada's proposals for continuation of food contracts were studied today by British officials and informed sources said the prospects for a successful outcome were "much improved." An official source said: "Decisions now will be made at the top level. Latest Canadian proposals look like a definite improvement."

OLD MAN GOING STRONG DES MOINES — Luis Carrizales, 88, became the father of a seven pound, 15-ounce child yesterday for the third time since 1945. Carrizales and his wife, Mary, 23, were the parents of a daughter in 1945 and a son in 1946.

DOLLAR DOWN MORE NEW YORK.—The Canadian dollar eased 1-16 of a cent on the "free" foreign exchange market today to 87 1/2 c. This is the lowest price the Canadian dollar has reached on the New York market since last year.

JEWS ASK WITHDRAWAL JERUSALEM—Jewish leaders today called for immediate evacuation from Palestine of all Trans-Jordan-Arab legion troops which have British officers on loan to the Palestine government for police duty in the Holy Land.

TORONTO PRINTER'S STRIKE TORONTO—About 750 printing pressman employed in more than 100 Toronto commercial publishing houses went out on strike for higher wages today. The men demand a basic wage of \$14.2 per hour for cylinder pressmen coupled with union security clauses.

POWER TURNED ON CAMPBELL RIVER — First unit of the British Columbia Power Commission's \$13,500,000 hydro project, harnessing water power of famed Elk Falls on Campbell River, was opened by Premier Hart today.

# MINING FOR MACHINERY

## Ingenious Claim Staking on Alaska Highway

Staking a claim does not always mean you are thinking of gold.

For, be it known, comes word of a man who believes he has something pretty good, simply by recovering what others had thrown away.

Construction of the Alaska Highway meant the spending of millions for road making machinery. The job was finally finished, but the machinery wasn't. The Americans figured it would be cheaper to ditch the property and forget it than cart everything back home.

Goods, still valuable, were taken to one side and buried, but not deeply. The man with a hunch looked over the ground, gained a rough notion of what was there and staked claims giving him certain rights. He went prospecting for machinery and is reported to be doing well. He's finding gold, but not exactly the yellow metal.

Mrs. George Black Enters Hospital WHITE HORSE—Mrs. George Black, wife of Capt. Black M.P. and Yukon pioneer, has entered hospital here. Capt. Black had been called to Dawson to take part in a lawsuit and left for White Horse earlier than originally intended, returning there because of his wife's unexpected illness.

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EARL BALDWIN — Former Prime Minister of Great Britain whose death is announced.

# Former Prime Minister Dies

## Earl Baldwin Passes Away at Age of Eighty Years

LONDON, (P) — Earl Stanley Baldwin of Bewdley, who was Prime Minister at the abdication of Edward VIII in 1936 and during the general strike of 1926, died in his sleep Saturday night, it was announced Sunday.

Death came in Earl Baldwin's Worcestershire home in Stourport.

Often described as the "most English of Englishmen," Earl Baldwin served three times as Prime Minister, returning May 28, 1937.

He often described the office of the Prime Minister as "the loneliest job in the world."

# BUILDING HOTEL AT PT. ALBERNI

PORT ALBERNI — A Seattle hotel man, F. H. Furey, and businessmen of Port Alberni are interested in the proposed establishment of a modern hotel. Mr. Furey has associated with him in the projected enterprise another Seattle hotel operator, J. Fishnell. They would be prepared to spend \$400,000.

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