

# MOLOTOV SAYS U.S. TO BLAME FOR COLLAPSE

LONDON ©—Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov threw the blame for the collapse of the London Foreign Ministers' Conference on the United States today and claimed that only the efforts of the Russian delegation kept the conference from being entirely fruitless.

At a news conference he charged the American delegation "undertook to disrupt the entire work of the conference" because "for some reason" the United States was anxious to delay the settlement of Germany's future.

Secretary of State Marshall, in a broadcast report on December 19, blamed Molotov for the failure of the conference, asserting that "no apparent will to reach a settlement."

# IT'S A GOOD THING BUSES CAN'T FLY

The 99 Taxi's bus did not get very far when it took off across Third Avenue last Thursday morning but it started a chain of events that were generally embarrassing.

Here is the box score:

1. A broken wall and a smashed plate glass window at the Commodore Cafe.
2. Minor mechanical dislocation to the bus.
3. Charges under the Motor Vehicles Act laid against Art Murray and Lloyd George Bowden.

Murray, owner of the bus, and Bowden, the driver, are charged with leaving a parked vehicle unattended.

Both were scheduled to appear in police court this afternoon.

## HOCKEY SCORES

**Coast League**  
Seattle 5, Vancouver 2.  
Tacoma 4, New Westminster 3.

**Western International**  
Kimberley 6, Spokane 3.

# Battered Log Raft Returns to Harbor

Battered by the sea and with some of its logs strewn along the beaches after a strong gale which swept the north coast on Tuesday, a raft containing 1,500,000 feet of timber is limping back to Prince Rupert harbor today.

Towed by four tugs, the four-and-a-half acre flat raft headed south at 10 o'clock Monday morning for Ocean Falls but was caught in a storm 10 miles out.

Monday night and all day yesterday the masters of the steam tug Wireless and the motor tow boats C.R.C., Kaien and Phippen fought to save the raft from being broken up in Chatham Sound.

**SHELTERED BY ISLAND**

Late Tuesday they managed to get in the lee of Kinahan Island where they put a line ashore, mooring it overnight.

Despite the power of the tugs, the 48-mile an hour southeast gale forced the raft near Holland Rock lighthouse before it was controlled and sheltered behind Kinahan.

Many of the logs—one estimate was as high as one-quarter of the total raft—slipped under the enclosing boom sticks and drifted away.

The raft was about 900 feet long and 300 feet wide and was owned by Pacific Mills at Ocean Falls. The logs came from camps in the Prince Rupert area.

The raft is being returned here to be re-formed before another attempt is made to move it south.

# MICHAEL FREE TO LEAVE HIS OLD KINGDOM

BUCHAREST ©—The Romanian royal family of ex-King Michael applied today for 60 passports to leave this newly-proclaimed "democratic republic."

Michael, who abdicated Tuesday, came back to Bucharest with his mother, the former Queen Helen, from the royal castle at Mount Sinaia, where they spent the night.

Dr. Petru Groza, premier of the Communist-dominated government, said Michael was free to come and go as he pleases, thus halting reports from outside Romania that the ex-king had been placed under arrest.

## POLITICS NOT LOVE

LONDON ©—Politics rather than romance was behind the abdication of King Michael in the opinion of most observers here. The Romanian government refused to allow Michael to marry Princess Anne of Bourbon Parma, but this was considered a "purely secondary consideration."

Some newspapers on the continent, however, leaned to the view that the king's love for the Danish princess was the principal reason for the decision.

## MINISTER RESIGNS

VATICAN CITY ©—Theodore Solacolo, Romanian minister to the Holy See, resigned today as an aftermath of King Michael's abdication.

## PARSONS NEW SCOUT LEADER

VANCOUVER ©—T. W. S. Parsons, former commissioner of the British Columbia Police, has been elected commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association for the province, provincial headquarters announced.

## \$700 Million Fire Loss During 1947

NEW YORK (AP)—Fire losses in the United States reached an all-time high of \$700,000,000 this year.

It is the highest annual loss ever recorded by any country in peacetime and tops Great Britain's property loss from the two-year German blitz by \$300,000,000.

Flames ate up millions of bushels of grain which might have gone to Europe's needy.

The domestic housing supply was set back when fire destroyed a \$1,000,000 factory in Austin, Tex., that was turning out 400 prefabricated dwellings a month.

# OLD TARIFFS ARE RESUMED

OTTAWA ©—Stiff tariffs are to be restored on many United Kingdom commodities entering Canada, on January 1, as a result of the repeal of the War Exchange Conservation Act, passed in 1940 to reduce tariffs on British goods.

The move is designed to conserve United States dollars in Canada.

When passed, the War Exchange Conservation Act was a purely temporary measure and its repeal will mean that the 1940 tariff schedules, except those altered at the Geneva Conference last fall, will be restored at the New Year.

## PEACE THROUGH UNITED NATIONS

WASHINGTON, ©—President Harry Truman said today he is looking forward confidently to world peace upon which all nations can agree. In a New Year's message, the president said this hope includes the proper development of the United Nations which, he says, offers hope to the world.

## FATHER FAILS TO SAVE BABY

VANCOUVER ©—Three-year-old Barbara Connell was burned to death and her father, Walter Connell, suffered severe burns when fire destroyed their home at Cloverdale last night. The father made a desperate attempt to rescue the child from the flame-filled house.

## Announcements

All advertisements in this column will be charged for a full month at 25 cents a word.

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# Local News Items ...

● Rupert Radio & Electric will be closed all day Friday, Jan. 2, for stock taking. (1)

● Mr. and Mrs. David R. Barclay of West Vancouver, former Prince Rupert residents, are visiting in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.Roy Morrison.

● George Wilson of the Provincial Government Public Works in Prince Rupert, who has been indisposed of late, was able to go to the office for a short time yesterday.

● Meeting of Job's Daughters, Friday, Jan. 2 at 8 p.m. Initiation, Silver March and Bingo. (1)

● Robert Gordon, well known pioneer merchant of Prince Rupert, is spending a while at Tucson, Arizona. He is finding the change of considerable benefit and enjoyment. In a letter he mentions the bright sunshine and interesting and kindly scenes and associations.

# SCOUTS, CUBS JOIN IN RALLY

Women's Auxiliary to Conrad Street Scout and Cub group sponsored a rally Monday night in the assembly room of Conrad School. A number of parents also were present.

A flag-breaking ceremony by the Scouts, followed by the Cubs giving their grand howl, opened the evening's activities. A knot-tying contest among the boys and a first aid demonstration by the Scout troop were the main features of the program. The guests sat in on a few group games which are a part of Scout and Cub recreation.

When refreshment time arrived each boy opened the box lunch he had brought and the women served lemonade, peanuts and candy around a campfire. A sing-song followed, with Mrs. Harid Thom at the piano. Eighteen Cubs with their lead-

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● George H. Martin returned on the Prince Rupert this morning from a business trip to Vancouver.

● Police Radio Operator William Clark returned this morning on the Prince Rupert from a holiday spent with his family in Victoria.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

● ON account of sickness half interest in Poulson's business is for sale. Established grocery, meat market, cafe, ice cream business and gas station. Sixth Avenue East, Prince Rupert. Phone Red 441. P.O. Box 1901 Station "B." (309)

● The Legion of the Moose will hold their Annual New Year's Eve dance at the Moose Temple, Dec. 31. Come and meet your friends there. Dancing starts 10 p.m. (304)

● Roy Clifford, under treatment in hospital here, was able to spend the Christmas holidays in Terrace. He will return to the hospital to complete treatment for the effect of burns suffered in a fire at his home.

There were 15 round-trip passengers on the coastal liner Prince Rupert which docked here this morning on her final trip of the year. The party will enjoy a New Year party aboard the vessel tonight.

W. J. Alder, in Prince Rupert during the summer, returned to his home in Victoria not long ago from a visit to Tennessee. Mr. Alder, who first lived in Prince Rupert back in 1910, came originally from England and, prior to locating in Western Canada, established a business in Chattanooga, Tenn. He has been living in Victoria since moving from Prince Rupert, where he was city commissioner for five years.

er. Bob Ferguson, and 12 Scouts under the leadership of Harry Quick, took part in the rally.



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