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MODEL MAID UNTIL JEWELRY DISAPPEARED—Led by Reginald Ballard, left, former "model maid" Ann Her- is shown entering police headquarters at Mineola, N.Y. arrived by plane from France with a picnic bag filled with antique jewelry—in the custody of Detective Ballard. Long Island, Miss Harcek is being held for arraignment charges of burglary and grand larceny. She was arrested in France, on a presidential warrant, issued on appeal of minor Dewey. The woman at right is a police matron.

Better Presentation of Port Use Plan Is Sought

PRINCE RUPERT CITIZENS WANT TO NOW MORE BEFORE TRYING TO RAISE HALF A MILLION DOLLARS

Prince Rupert citizens, at public meeting last night in the city council chamber, manifested critical interest in the proposal of Kenneth Meek of Calgary that they should put up \$500,000 to purchase the American-built port installations here and set up machinery for the opening of the port to world shipping and commerce. The out- about two hours' discussion of various aspects of Mr. Meek's plan was a resolution should be asked to pro- more definite information commitments of the inter- banking firm of E. D. Meek, frequently mentioned as being definitely to utilize facilities of port of Prince Rupert if they were acquired, also what operation might be expected of the Canadian National and other more clari- fication of the deal in the meantime, the anxious to avoid dem- of the installations, also to ask War Assets Cor- to give Mr. Meek a months' extension of his ment of sale under the of which he must put up balance of \$225,000 on the deal for the purchase the installations by Decem- of this year.

The meeting was held under auspices of the City of Prince Rupert, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Com- and Mayor Nora Arnold chaired the chair with E. T. Whitte, secretary of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Com- recording the proceed- Opening the meeting, the spoke of the interest existed locally in retain- the port installations intact and the possibilities that ap- to exist for the use of a ready-made port. In this Meek had been interesting himself for two years and had in contact with the Sas- banking concern and coal interests as well as many others. himself, would tell of his for a locally financed company by which of Prince Rupert would themselves in promoting the opening of the port to world shipping.

CONTROLLING OF ATOMIC ENERGY

NEW YORK. (P)—General A. G. L. McNaughton, head of the Canadian delegation to the Atomic Energy Commission, told the Canadian Club of New York yesterday that, if an interna- tional agreement could not be reached on the "acute problem" of atomic energy control, the United States should maintain and expand its lead.

British Government Gravelly Concerned

LONDON. (P)—Responsible government officials here ex- pressed grave concern over the collapse of the Big Four confer- ence and the indefinite prolong- ation of Germany's disunity.

Bulletins

HIGH WIND IN SOUTH VANCOUVER—There was no serious damage from a high wind which swept the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Isl- and last night although power, telephone and telegraphic ser- vices were disrupted. The gale velocity reached 42 miles per hour.

TRUMAN SIGNS BILL WASHINGTON, D.C.—Presi- dent Truman yesterday signed the \$597,000,000 stop-gap Euro- pean aid bill.

BUILDING COLLAPSE FATAL WASHINGTON, D.C.—Fire- men tunnelling through tons of debris yesterday rescued a woman from the interior of a building, collapse of which killed at least one person and injured eleven others. A wom- an was dug out of the wreck- age five hours after the col- lapse occurred. The cause was not immediately determined.

WAR GOODS PICKETED

Vancouver Pastor Resents Shipment of Destructive Goods to China

VANCOUVER—A picket line has been formed near the steam- ship Colima berthed here, that is making preparations to leave tomorrow with goods destined for China. The material is being shipped through the Royal Cana- dian Air Force and is intended for air defence purposes in China. Rev. Andrew Roddan, Vancouver clergyman, speaking yesterday, said it was unfortu- nate that at this season there was an intention to send to a nation an intention to send to a nation a shipload of goods manufactur- ed for purposes of destruction.

IS INJURED IN RUNAWAY

W. J. Crawford, Stewart Transportation Man, in Hospital Here

W. J. Crawford, pioneer trans- portation man of the Portland Canal district was brought to the Prince Rupert General Hospital on the Coquitlam Tuesday. Mr. Crawford thought that he would like to renew some of the pleasure attendant on driving a team of horses equipped with bells hauling a sleigh just like the good old days. He was in the act of hitching his team to the sleigh, surrounded by a group of admiring children, when one of the horses became a bit restless and wrenching his head free from the person holding him, proceeded to run away. Mr. Crawford tried to hold on to the other one but was thrown down and trampled on and the sleigh went over him. He was taken to the Stewart General Hospital where it was found that, in addition to a fractured lower jaw, his dental plate was broken and he sustained numerous other bruises. Dr. W. R. Walker, of Premier, who attended him, advised that he be taken to Prince Rupert for further medical at- tention.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis Prince Rupert, Hecate Straits, Queen Charlotte Sound, West Coast, Queen Charlottes and Dixon Entrance.—Cloudy with showers, winds southerly, 25 m. p.h. Visibility 5 miles in showers, otherwise 15 miles.

Forecast

A deep low-pressure area centred in the Gulf of Alaska is giving a strong southwest flow of moist air along the B.C. coast. Continuous showery weather will be general in all regions.

Martial Law For Mukden

Situation In Manchurian Capital Serious As Communists Plan Offensive

SHANGHAI (CP, Courtesy B.C. Police Radio)—The Inde- pendent newspaper, Taking Pao, reported today that the govern- ment had placed Mukden under martial law, this underlining the gravity of the civil situation in Manchuria.

It appears that the Chinese communists have massed for their offensive in Manchuria and that their drive is gaining momentum.

Receives Treatment For Head Injury

A man whose name was given to the city ambulance driver as Mr. Buchan, was taken to Prince Rupert General Hospital last night suffering from a cut on the head. He had been picked up by the police in a dazed condition and was believed to have received the injury in a fracas near Sixth Street a short time earlier. He left the hospital after treatment.

Victoria Tug Safe In Port

Snohomish Makes Sao Luiz Maranhao After Being Aground

VICTORIA (P)—On a history- making voyage, the big deepsea tug Snohomish, bound from Seattle to Buenos Aires, limped into the little Brazilian port of Sao Luiz Maranhao yesterday after being aground for some hours on rocky San Marcos Island.

The tug suffered some damage but the British Columbia crew of 19 men from Van- couver and Victoria escaped injury. It was reported to the owners, Island Tug & Barge Co., here.

The Snohomish sailed last Oc- tober with six former United States Army tugs lashed to the deck of a big barge on a 10,000-mile towing mission, the longest ever undertaken from the Pacific Northwest.

"Refloated" was the terse wire from her skipper, Capt. Fred R. MacFarlane of Victoria. "Double bottom damaged."

PALESTINE IS QUIETER

JERUSALEM. (P)—One British police sergeant was killed and another seriously wounded during the night when they were attacked here. This brings the Holy Land's total dead in 17 days of Arab-Jewish strife to 260. The violence, however, appeared to be tapering off and all was quiet this morning.

NEWSPAPERS ARE HIT BY EMBARGO

TORONTO—Canadian news- papers have been put in serious straits as a result of the embargo on flash bulbs imported from the United States. Following representations by the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association, Deputy Minister of National Revenue has given assurance that he will look into the question of Canadian manufacturers being able to supply the demand. Newspapers concerned are also communicating with the deputy minister to make known the serious predicament which is confronting the press.

Tonight's train, due from the east at 10:45, was reported this afternoon to be about two-and-a-half hours late.



HITLER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW CLEARED—Adolf Hitler's mother-in-law, Frau Franziska Braun, is shown with her husband, Wilhelm, in their Munich, Germany, home, after a denazification board absolved the former of charges that she was a Nazi. The court is scheduled soon to rule in the case of her husband. They are the parents of Eva Braun, who became Hitler's wife a few hours before their reported double suicide in a German bomb shelter.

ANSCOMB AND JOHNSON MEET ON NEW COALITION—TORIES TO GAIN

VICTORIA (CP, Courtesy B.C. Police Radio)—No announcement was made following a meeting of the Conservative leader, Minister of Finance Herbert Anscomb and the new Liberal leader, Byron Johnson, yesterday to discuss the basis of coalition and there was no indication if further meetings will be held.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
Bralorne	10.25
B. R. Con.	.04 1/2
B. R. X.	.08
Dentonia	.17 1/2
Minto	.03 1/2
Pend Orielle	2.05
Pioneer	3.45
Premier Border	.04 3/4
Privateer	.32
Reeves McDonald	1.10
Reno	.10
Salmon Gold	.20
Sheep Creek	1.01
Taylor Bridge	.50
Vananda	.20
Congress	.03
Pacific Eastern	.05
Hedley Amalg.	.02
Central Zeballos	.01 1/4
Oils	
C. & E.	3.20
Home	4.80

PRAVDA SAYS U.S. PLANS FAILURE

MOSCOW (CP, Courtesy B.C. Police Radio)—The Russians were told by newspaper Pravda today that the council of foreign ministers in London did not fail but rather it was the plans of the United States Department of State that had failed.

VANCOUVER IS ISOLATED

VANCOUVER (CPP, Courtesy B.C. Police Radio)—Vancouver was isolated from Eastern Canada today when telephone and telegraph wires went down between Agassiz and Field.

LOCAL TIDES

Friday, December 19, 1947
High 6:10 17.6 feet
17:46 16.8 feet
Low 12:05 10.3 feet

BUDGET LEAK REPORT

LONDON—A parliamentary committee on the premature budget disclosure which resulted in the resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton said it was not pre- meditated but should not have been made. Mr. Dalton had had no idea it would appear before the budget was delivered. John Cargill, political reporter of the London Star, had made an error in judgment but it was in good faith.

HOCKEY SCORES

Boston 2, New York 5.
Detroit 7, Chicago 1.

Former Luftwaffe Pilot Tells of Denmark Flight

From There Fuehrer and Eva Braun Left For Unknown Destination

WARSAW—Steps are being taken to investigate the credibility of the story of a former German Luftwaffe pilot who has declared here that he flew Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun from Germany to Denmark on April 28, 1945, as Germany was about to surrender. In Denmark the former Fuehrer and his companion took another plane to an unknown destination.

It was always believed that Hitler and Miss Braun killed themselves in the Reichschancellery on April 30.

RAIN TURNS TO WET SNOW

Prospects of a "white Christmas" came to Prince Rupert this morning with a heavy, wet snowfall that started just before noon and whitened streets and rooftops within an hour. The streets immediately became slushy, but up to early afternoon had not become dangerous by freezing. The snowfall climaxed one of the wettest periods of the winter during which rain fell almost continuously for three days. Precipitation for the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning totalled 1.61 inches.

FIRE TAKES FOUR LIVES

Tragedy in Village Near Kingston, Ont., Yesterday

KINGSTON, Ont., (P)—Four persons were burned to death and one man suffered burns, cuts and shock early yesterday when fire believed to have been caused by an overheated stove destroyed a two-storey log farm house near Hartington village, 30 miles north of here.

The dead are Mrs. Steven Card, 69; her son, Henry Card, 32; her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Boomhour, 30, and a six-months old grandson, Harry James Boomhour. James Boomhour, the husband, and Mrs. Lillian Boomhour are in hospital here. They escaped through windows of the flame-swept house.

73 ROSES FOR KING

Prime Minister Says They Are the Finest Gift of All

OTTAWA—Wednesday was the seventy-third anniversary of the birth of Prime Minister Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, and the premier found on his desk 73 roses. Applause from all parts of the house was hearty and prolonged. In acknowledgment, Premier King said that in his political life he had received many rich rewards but this was the finest of all. Yet he would be happier could he but say that the occasion was his thirty-seventh instead of seventy-third birthday.

Close Division On Control of Prices

OTTAWA—A Canadian Congress of Labor survey says that Liberal members of Parliament are about evenly divided on the question of price controls. Progressive Conservatives and Social Credit are opposed and C.C.F. members are unanimously in favor.

CIVILIAN POSSE GIVES UP HUNT

PENTICTON—A civilian posse has given up the search for Russell Speers who escaped November 14 from the Penticton lock-up. "I'll shoot to kill or go under the sod myself," shouted Speers to officers who had attempted previously to recapture him. Already he has wounded Constable R. Mercer.

HOUSE TALKS OF DOLLAR SAVING

Finance Minister Defends New Trade Agreements With United States

OTTAWA, (P)—Intricate details of the government's emergency plans to conserve Canada's United States dollar reserves were placed before the House of Commons and promptly drew the Progressive Conservative charge that the proposals constituted "control, complete, final and absolute."

Finance Minister Douglas Abbott said there was need for new trade agreements which would facilitate the heavy flow of Canadian goods to United States markets and revealed disclosure of informal steps already taken in this direction.

Mr. Abbott gave his review on moving the second reading of the bill giving statutory force to import and other restrictions imposed when the emergency program was launched November 17.

Demolition Is Opposed

On behalf of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, a message has been sent to the minister of reconstruction at Ottawa strongly urging the Dominion not to permit under any consideration, demolition of the American installations at the port of Prince Rupert. All installations having been made the subject of one deal has probably stopped possible purchasers from investigating uses separately, the message suggests, expressing the belief that the warehouse, dock and administration building etc. should be separate offerings even though the present option may have to be reimbursed. "We respectfully urge the government's aim should be utilization for progress rather than demolition for salvage."

MRS. H. O. CREWE DIES IN SOUTH

Mrs. H. O. Crewe, for years a resident of Prince Rupert, passed away in the Vancouver General Hospital late last week. Her husband, Hubert Oldham Crewe, predeceased her about a year and a half ago.

Surviving members of the family are a daughter, Mrs. Lee Straight; two sisters and two brothers.

The funeral was conducted Monday by Rev. J. W. Robinson, in St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Marpole. There was cremation, with interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery. It was in 1919 that Mrs. Crewe came to Canada as a war bride, joining her husband at Prince Rupert, where they lived for eight years and formed many friendships. She conducted a school for dancing here.