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## Hirohito Accepting Responsibility For War

### Two American Army Vessels Adrift and Helpless in Pacific Ocean

SEATTLE (CP)—Navy rescue ships raced over the North Pacific today to aid two disabled United States Army vessels—the rudderless, drifting El Caney and the partially-flooded cargo boat 245.

The El Caney, which had drifted more than 100 miles since her rudder was torn loose and its propeller damaged late Monday, was expected to be intercepted tonight by the Navy salvage vessel Bolster.

The Navy fleet tug Tekesta is enroute to aid the FS-245 which hit a rock near Ierbert Island in the Aleutians in a storm. The vessel was pulled off the rock and was last reported proceeding toward Sequim Island to ride out a storm.

The El Caney has a crew of forty-two. The FS-245 has twenty.

The Mayor's fund will close December 31, according to an announcement made by Mayor Arnold today.

Donations of even \$1 or less will provide a much-needed welcome gift of food to the "fair" people.

Mayor said: "Any donations can be mailed to me and will be acknowledged."

The Rotarians' end of the fund may be broadened to include a house-to-house canvass of clothing and food articles.

Mayor said: "The whole ship will be sent to Poole at the end of January."

Distribution will be made by the Rotary Club of Poole, England.

Contributions to the Mayor's fund to date are as follows:

Mayor Arnold	10.00
Jessie Jacobs	5.00
Elkins	10.00
Canadian Legion	50.00
Daughters	20.00
Business & Professional Women's Club	15.00
Nickerson	5.00
Men's Canadian Club	10.00
Reading Club	8.00
Steen	5.00
R. G. Large	10.00
Total	\$248.00

### WANT TIBER GOLD OR CIVIC DEBT

ROME (CP)—An age-old story of a fabulous treasure of gold and jewels buried in the mud at the bottom of the Tiber has been put forward by Rome newspapers as a solution to the municipal deficit.

A dredging machine working along the left bank of the river last night struck a heavy object buried in the river bottom.

Engineers reported they were unable to raise the object and claimed traces of gold were found in the teeth of the dredge which made the contact.

They believed the "discovery" proved the legend that one of the emperors had hidden his treasure there. Plans of where the object was struck were given by officials but no further action was taken.

It has now been proposed a dredge attempt should be made beneath the "treasure."

### Irish Cattle Is Landed In Canada

ST. JOHN, N.B.—An ocean liner, with hundreds of select livestock, each one with pedigree, docked here yesterday.

The stock hails from Ireland and will be distributed throughout Canada. The animals are said to have a total valuation of not less than a million dollars.

### B.C. MYSTERY MAN IN LONDON

Sailor In St. John's Hospital Suffering From Amnesia

LONDON (CP)—A hazy feeling that he "belonged" to Vancouver, that his name was "Lou" or "Luke" and that he was a sailor by occupation were tonight the only frail clues to the identity of a young man, apparently a Canadian, who is in St. John's Hospital suffering from amnesia with no recollection of his identity.

The young man had no money, documents or identification cards when he was found helpless in central London last Tuesday. He is described as six feet tall with light brown hair, blue eyes and clear complexion. He has a scar at the base of his left thumb and five false upper teeth. The shinbone of his left leg bears a small indentation.

The young man was found last week in a central London park, suffering from a head injury. Yesterday, under a "truth" drug, he shouted orders to "abandon ship" and talked loosely of Nelson Street, Vancouver, speaking of shipping and naming the Danish ships Tal Marie and Karl Walmstoft (or Vernstoft).

GREAT YARMOUTH, Eng. (CP)—William Chapman has completed 50 years as organist for Deneside Church here.



SIX PERSONS DIE IN SEATTLE AIRPORT CRASH—Firefighters spray chemicals on the burning wreckage of the automobile which was hit and crushed by an Alaska Airlines DC-4 passenger plane that crashed and burned in an attempted landing at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. Six persons, including an infant and a blind woman, were killed and 23 others were injured. One of the ill-fated plane's four motors is shown at the left.

### SPECTACULAR BUS CRASH

Three Injured and Forty Escaped Death In Vancouver This Morning

VANCOUVER—Three persons were injured and forty escaped death in a spectacular collision of a city-bound bus and a taxi at 8 o'clock this morning at the corner of Forty-Ninth and Granville. The bus, after the collision, crashed into a stone wall across the sidewalk. It was crowded with commuters on the way to work.

### COLLAPSES, DIES WHILE AT CHURCH

Mrs. Peter McCormick, who with her husband, was one of the pioneer residents of Prince Rupert, collapsed and died shortly after 8 o'clock this morning while attending Mass at the Catholic Church. She succumbed to a heart condition.

Mrs. McCormick was born at St. Norbert, Manitoba, and had lived in Prince Rupert since the early days. During the early part of the century they lived in southern B.C. where Mr. McCormick worked at Rossland. They came here 35 years ago.

Mrs. McCormick was 61 years old and survived by her husband who retired a couple of years ago from his position as locomotive crane operator at the dry dock. There are no children.

A devout church goer, Mrs. McCormick regularly attended masses at Annunciation Church. She collapsed suddenly at 8:25 while the services were in progress.

There are two brothers, one at Vancouver and the other on Vancouver Island, and one sister at Rossland. There are also two nephews in Vancouver.

LONDON (CP)—About 450 dogs exported to Canada and the United States this year earned Britain nearly \$1,000,000.

### SITE OF MILL IS HALF READY NOW

Excavation for Celanese Mill to be Completed by February

Excavation work on Watson Island, site of the Columbia Cellulose Corporation's proposed \$15,000,000 pulp plant, is now "more than half completed" and the work is expected to be finished late in February.

According to Earl Barr of the local office of the company, B. C. Bridge and Dredging Co., which has the contract, is now employing more than 80 men who work two shifts. Turnover in labor at the present time is relatively small.

Greatest obstacle at the present time is weather. Rain transforms the island into a sea of mud which hampers the work of the men although it does not hinder the earth and rock moving machines.

Amount of rock which will have to be cleared away for the celanese plant is not known exactly since specifications are being altered as the work progresses.

### Post Office Staff on Brink of Hectic, Pre-Christmas Period

### CARIBOO NAMES C.C.F. CANDIDATE

Charles A. Thomas of Prince George to be Standard Bearer In By-election

VANCOUVER—Charles A. Thomas of Prince George has been nominated C.C.F. candidate in the forthcoming provincial by-election in Cariboo, Secretary Frank McKenzie announced last night.

The by-election is caused by the death of Louis Lebourdais, Liberal, who polled 1370 at the last provincial election, 375 more than Thomas' 955.

### THOMAS MEILAS IS IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER (CP)—Blind Thomas Meilas of Prince Rupert has arrived here to receive surgical treatment which it is hoped will result in the priceless gift of his eyesight being restored as a Christmas present. He will undergo an operation made possible by donations of fellow citizens.

### WAGE SCALE IN B.C. MOUNTING

Was Highest In Twenty Years During 1946

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia industrial payrolls in 1946 reached a record total of \$403,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000, the Department of Labor reported today.

During the same year the average wage figure for an adult male wage-earner was \$39.57, the highest recorded in twenty years. The average weekly wage scale rate went up \$1.37 in 1946 over 1945.

### LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, December 18, 1947  
High 5:22 17.7 feet  
16:50 17.8 feet  
Low 11:08 10.2 feet  
23:29 6.4 feet

DOWNHAM, Kent, Eng. (CP)—Silent for the last 2 years, Downham's 14th century church bells are to ring again.

### Japanese Emperor To Appear Before Court

UNITED PRESS DISPATCH FORECASTS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IN TOKYO

NEW YORK—A United Press dispatch from Tokyo says that Emperor Hirohito will appear before the international tribunal next week to accept full responsibility for the decision to attack Pearl Harbor and the war against the United States. He will also accept responsibility for the killing of the

### BULLETINS

ATOMIC SUPREMACY

NEW YORK—The United States should be able to maintain its ascendancy in the field of atomic energy for a decade at least," General A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada told the Canadian Club here today, "provided research and development are maintained on the scale authorized."

VANCOUVER TUG ASHORE

HALIFAX—The Canadian tug Snomish, which left Victoria early in October with a barge to which six former American tugs were attached for a 10,000-mile voyage to Buenos Aires, went aground on San Marcos Island off the east coast of Brazil. There are no immediate details of the grounding.

TO RECONSIDER POLICY

LONDON—Highly placed government sources said today that the cabinet will probably "reconsider the whole structure of its foreign policy" tomorrow as a result of the four foreign ministers' failure to reach agreement on the future of Germany.

PREMIER KING 73

OTTAWA—Still hale and hearty, Prime Minister Mackenzie King today celebrated his seventy-third birthday with a customary working day including an early start at his office, a cabinet meeting and attendance in Parliament.

CRASH AT TUCSON

TUCSON, Arizona—Twelve of 20 members of the crew of a Jamaica-bound B-29 died in the flaming wreckage of the four-engined bomber a few minutes after it took off from Davis-Monthan field last night. Unofficial reports said that one engine, and possibly two, failed a few minutes after the take-off.

STALIN IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW—Premier Stalin returned to Moscow today from a holiday in the south, looking "well, tanned and rested." He will be 62 on Sunday next.

### Newsprint Takes Another Advance

Further increase in the cost of newspaper production is involved in notification received by the Daily News yesterday by the firm which supplies it with white newsprint in rolls that, effective January 1, there would be an increase of \$6 per ton in the price of such paper. Within the last four years the price of newsprint has advanced 100 percent. There have been successive heavy advances in price during the past few months.

### COMPANY IS APPRECIATIVE

Union Steamships Wish to Retain Support and Goodwill

Appreciation of support and goodwill of Prince Rupert and all coastal points in the endeavour to maintain the best service possible under present conditions is expressed by Union Steamships Ltd. in a message received by the secretary of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce from G. McBean, managing director of the company, in reply to representations made last week against a proposed curtailment in coastal service, which proposed curtailment has now been repealed by the company.

"We fully appreciate your observations and representations," says Mr. McBean's telegram, confirming the previous announcement that, despite operating losses, it had been decided to keep the steamer Cassiar on the present run to the Queen Charlotte Islands and to maintain the existing weekly service along the coast and by the steamers Catala and Cardena.

The steamer Coquitlam will be withdrawn from the Vancouver-Prince Rupert-Stewart service after next week's voyage and will be replaced by the Catala. The Vancouver-Bella Coola-Ocean Falls-Prince Rupert service will be carried out by the Cardena.

### TRAIN DELAYED TWELVE HOURS

Delayed twelve hours awaiting the transcontinental train at Jasper, the westbound passenger train which was scheduled to arrive in Prince Rupert at 10:45 last night, pulled into the depot here at 11:35 this morning.

Snow conditions in the Kamloops division south of Jasper delayed the eastbound transcontinental train, causing the connecting train to Prince Rupert to wait at Jasper for its arrival.

There have been no delays in the division between Prince Rupert and Jasper, Superintendent C. A. Berner's office reported this morning. There has been considerable snowfall between Terrace and McBride but this has been taken care of by snow plows which have been running periodically from both ends.

Tonight's eastbound train, scheduled to leave at 8 o'clock, will depart on time.

LONDON—Wimbome House, said to be London's largest private house, was sold for \$1,000,000.

### HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS

TONIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK  
"The Enchanted Christmas Tree"  
"The Fair Maid of Pressingfield"  
and "The Florist Shop"  
CIVIC CENTRE  
Reserved Seats 75c Rush Seats 50c