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Province Takes Terrace Military Hospital

\$750,000 WAR-ERECTED STRUCTURE TO BECOME INSTITUTION FOR AGED

The \$750,000 military hospital, built at Terrace during the war and which became an important factor in the Pacific Coast defence set-up, has been acquired by the provincial government for the use of the Department of Health and Social Welfare, according to an announcement made at Terrace by Hon.

BRAZIL BREAKS WITH SOVIET

Note of Severance Reported Delivered in Moscow Today

RIO DE JANEIRO (CP)—The Brazilian embassy in Moscow has delivered to Russia a note breaking off diplomatic relations, a move which had been indicated a few days ago. A foreign office source said Tuesday a message to this effect had been received from Moscow. The foreign office itself has still not made formal announcement of the break which is due to articles appearing in Moscow attributing Fascist tendencies to Brazil.

BRITONS SEEK HOMES IN B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Harold Akerman, president of Vancouver Branch of the Society of St. George, has been deluged with letters since he volunteered information to Britons desiring to emigrate to Canada and British Columbia.

Dozens of letters are arriving by every mail—and when the regular mail arrives he's afraid he'll have to buy a larger house. The rush started when Akerman wrote a letter to the London Daily Telegraph offering to give information about B. C. to readers.

STEELE BLOCK IS SOLD AGAIN

The Steele Block on Third Avenue West, which was purchased at auction from the city by Don Brown a year ago, has been sold by Mr. Brown to Ernest Carlson, local fisherman, who returned recently from a trip to Sweden. Mr. Brown purchased the building from the city for \$6,600 at auction a year ago and has done considerable remodeling of the structure since then.

E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests and M.L.A. for Skeena. Renovation of some thirty or so buildings contained in the typically military constructed and designed group will be started early next spring and not long thereafter it is planned that the institution will be ready for occupancy. It will be used as a home for the aged for whom facilities have long been lacking in British Columbia.

As a hospital, the institution had 330 beds and it is estimated that it will have accommodation for at least three hundred persons in its new function. It is admirably fitted for institutional use and has been retained in first-class shape, Mr. Kenney stated. As a military hospital it was fully equipped from the standpoint of services with central heating plant and fire protection. There are also recreational rooms and physiotherapy facilities.

Mr. Kenney stated that a petition circulated by the Terrace Board of Trade last summer, which received general support in the district, had been considerably instrumental in securing enough interest in the hospital that the government decided to purchase it instead of having it demolished.

Car Pools Are 'Unfair'

VANCOUVER (CP)—Any plans for a mass transportation scheme where fares are charged to substitute for the strike-halted street car and bus services will be branded as "unfair" by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council.

Executive members of the Council, at a closed meeting early today, discussed the situation, planning to formulate a policy regarding action of their affiliated street railwaymen's union (American Federation of Labor) in calling car and truck pools "unfair."

There is no suggestion of a settlement of the strike for at least two weeks. British Columbia Electric Railway Co. says no application has been made for an increase in street car rates.

PRESS COOL TO MOVE TO TRIM LORDS' POWER

LONDON (CP)—The government's proposal to trim the little remaining authority of the House of Lords met with almost unanimous criticism today in the British Press.

Only the Labor Daily Herald voiced lukewarm approval of the measure proposed at the opening of Parliament yesterday, a proposal described by the Marquis of Salisbury as a "shabby and snoddy political deal" and by Winston Churchill as a "deliberate act of aggression" that would "divide the country."

William H. Tolin, former proprietor of the Central Hotel, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver and will be here for a few days on business.



TRAGIC HOTEL FIRE—This picture was taken shortly after midnight last Thursday when the Central Hotel fire was at its height. A few minutes after the picture was taken, the remainder of the blazing structure seen here had been completely consumed. One and possibly two men were burned to death. —Photo by Rawson.

TRYING FOR SETTLEMENT

MONTREAL (CP)—Operators of Canada's two main transportation systems yesterday met with union leaders in an effort to forestall the walk-out of 125,000 railway employees—all the members of seventeen associated railway unions. The outcome of the deliberations was not immediately known. There was no announcement other than that the meetings are continuing today. Railway express department employees and telegraphers will not be affected by the strike call.

First word of the walk-out came Monday when two railways—Canadian National and Canadian Pacific—received notice that their employees "will concertedly and peacefully withdraw" from service November 3 at 8 a.m. in demand for two weeks' annual vacation with pay.

GREAT BRITAIN SEEKING MONEY

LONDON (CP)—The Press Association said today that Great Britain had told the United States that she wants to begin drawing "as soon as possible" on the frozen \$400,000,000 balance of her American loan, one of the country's last sources of dollars. A treasury spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report.

"WAR-MONGER" DEBATE OPENS

NEW YORK (CP)—The "war mongering" debate opened today at the United Nations headquarters with leading western powers planning to make sharp replies to vitriolic Russian accusations that the United States and other countries are guilty of fostering war hysteria. Canada may become involved, with L. B. Pearson, the Canadian delegations' representative on the commission, adding the Dominion's voice to the counter action against the Russians.

UNVEIL STATUE TO LATE KING

LONDON (CP)—The King today unveiled a white statue to his father, King George V, beside Westminster Abbey. The King was accompanied at the ceremony by Queen Mary, widow of the late King, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret. He said that his father for 25 years had shared with his people "their hopes and disappointments, their happiness and their sorrows."

New Fishermen's Floats Finished

Construction work on the new Fishermen's floats and floating breakwater at Fairview Bay, Prince Rupert, has been completed by the contractors, John Currie and Son. The red light that has been shown on the south end of the breakwater while construction was in progress has been discontinued.

Bulletins

RESUME GRAIN TRADING WINNIPEG—Trading in oats and barley, suspended on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange in September 1943, will be resumed tomorrow, President Stanley N. Jones of the Grain Exchange announced today.

RETAIN RENT CONTROLS OTTAWA—It is unlikely that rent controls will be lifted in Canada until March 1949. Extension of authority for sugar and fat controls is also expected to be made by the government.

McKINNON IN ROME ROME—Hon. J. A. McKinnon, minister of trade and commerce, and the Canadian trade delegation arrived in Rome today from Athens and Cairo and will leave tomorrow for Lisbon.

21 INJURED IN TRAIN CRASH

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CP)—Twenty-one persons were injured, some severely in a head-on crash today of a Soo Line passenger train and a freight train at Gladstone, near here. Several passengers were buried in the wreckage and had to be dug out. Fire apparatus and an ambulance were sent to the scene of the collision.

Bracken Sees Hard Times in Dominion

TORONTO—Speaking to the Ontario Progressive-Conservative Association here last night, Hon. John Bracken, national leader, said Canada was bound to face a depression if the government continued on its present heedless financial way.

Local Tides

Thursday, October 23, 1947		
High	9:25	16.2 feet
	20:51	16.1 feet
Low	2:26	7.9 feet
	15:10	11.0 feet

Mrs. Ted Arney and child returned on the Prince Rupert this morning from a trip to Vancouver.

Second Victim Is Suggested

Testimony of a witness at an inquest into the death of an unidentified victim of last Friday's Central Hotel fire here opened the possibility that more than one person may have perished and that there is still another body buried in the ashes of the First Avenue hostelry.

Joseph Van Wallegham, local taxi operator, testified before a coroner's court here Tuesday afternoon that Lars Johanson, believed to have been the fire victim, had two gold fillings in his front teeth while evidence by a doctor and a dentist indicated that there was no indication of such dental work on the charred body.

Van Wallegham, called in as a witness at the last minute, while the inquest was under way, testified that he knew Johanson well and he was certain that the man had two gold fillings in his front teeth.

Earlier, Dr. R. E. Coleman, pathologist, said that he had found no indication of dental attention other than extractions, when he performed an autopsy on the body on Monday.

Dr. G. E. H. Montgomery, dentist, who was called in after Van Wallegham gave testimony, declared that he could see no sign of any dental work on the teeth.

This opens the possibility that the body may not be that of Johanson and, that Johanson's body may still be in the ashes of the hotel. He has not been seen since before the fire.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that the body was that of "an unknown male about 50 years of age who came to his death by suffocation" in the fire that levelled the Central Hotel on the night of October 16.

Theodore Hagblad, owner of the hotel, testified that he had seen Johanson about 11 o'clock on the night of October 16, three quarters of an hour before the fire alarm was turned in. The man was in the hotel beer parlor and was in a state of intoxication.

Hagblad said that, when the alarm was raised, Johanson definitely was not in his room but that he may have been in some other part of the building.

Constable Ted Brue told of being called to the scene of the fire at 4:20 Sunday afternoon by a group of boys who had discovered what they believed was a human body.

CONTROLS REMOVED

Meat and Meat Products, Barley and Oats, Feed Grain, Lified

OTTAWA — Announcement was made last night by the Minister of Finance of the removal of price controls on meats and meat products, barley and oats products and feed grain for livestock.

It was explained that the controls were to have been removed from meats in September but, with the meat packers' strike impending, the action was postponed. Now, with the strike over and ample supplies in sight, it was considered safe to remove the controls.

It was admitted that there might be some increase in bacon and cured meat prices.

Subsidies on barley and oats and screenings are lifted.

No exports of oats or barley in the crop year are to be permitted in view of continued commitments for Britain.

COMMISSION TO WATCH BALKANS

Is Approved by United Nations Over Objection of Russia

LAKE SUCCESS—United Nations General Assembly voted 40 to 6, with eleven nations abstaining, yesterday to set up a watchdog commission in the Balkans. Russia and Poland were named to the commission in which, however, they have refused to participate.

FOREST BLAZE DESTROYS HOMES

GOOSE ROCKS BEACH, Maine (CP)—A terrifying forest fire consumed almost 200 buildings along a five-mile stretch of the picturesque Maine coastline before it was brought under control today. Most of the razed structures were summer cottages but scores of families were left homeless in Goose Rocks, Cape Porpoise districts of Kennebecport. With nearly another 100 homes and cottages lost in other parts of the state, Forest Commissioner Raymond Rendall estimated the loss at more than \$1,000,000.

HOPE RENEWED FOR SURVIVORS OF LOST PLANE

PENTICTON (CP)—A new clue, which raised hopes that some of the nine persons aboard were still alive, today heartened searchers as R.C.A.F. and United States and private aircraft took off shortly after dawn on the fourth day of the hunt for an air force photographic plane missing since noon, Saturday.

The new lead was reported from the Arrow Lakes district, northwest of here, that an orange flare was seen racing across the sky late last night. A plane is also reported to have been heard and seen by two Castlegar men over Lower Arrow Lakes at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

Searchers also are planning to make another check a few miles south of Penticton, at Lemon Creek, where three loggers reported hearing a "crash and explosion" at the approximate time the plane was reported missing on Saturday.

CABINET OF FRANCE QUILTS

PARIS (CP)—An official announcement today said that the cabinet of socialist Premier Ramadier had resigned. The announcement came with startling suddenness a few hours after the cabinet had been called into assembly for an emergency session Tuesday to consider the "grave" economic situation. Premier Ramadier was expected to explain his reasons for resigning at a press conference.



CONDITIONS PREVENT LANDING AT INLET—Ice conditions as those shown above at Moffet Inlet on Baffin prevented any amphibious aircraft from landing aid John A. Turner, Anglican missionary accidentally dropped from Arctic skies to a lake about seven miles from Moffet Inlet. Canon Turner, his wife and two children were the only inhabitants. The R.C.A.F. Dakota aircraft was the paratroopers to their destination is now resting in Harbor, and may make several trips over Moffet Inlet in the next few weeks. No landing will be attempted unless conditions on the lakes and inlets surrounding the mission.

Spread Plane Crashes 10 Lives; 2 Missing

People were killed, two and seven injured in crashes in scattered areas Tuesday while a national air armada searched this morning for the search for nine persons in an R.C.A.F. search since last night.

No Warning Before Lake Boats Crashed

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP)—An admission that no warning signal had been sounded by the ill-fated collier Milverton just prior to her collision with the tanker Translake was on the records today as the court of inquiry into the St. Lawrence River collision which led to a dozen deaths entered its second day.

::: TODAY'S STOCKS :::

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver		Beattie	
Bralorne	10.60	Bevecourt	.68
B. R. Con	.05	Bobjo	.15
B. R. X.	.09 1/2	Buffalo Canadian	.19
Cariboo Quartz	2.70	Consol. Smelters	91.25
Dentonia	.18	Conwest	1.35
Grull Wikksne	.05 1/2	Donalda	1.27
Hedley Mascot	1.03	Eldona	1.36
Minto	.03 1/2	Elder	.83
Pend Oreille	2.35	Giant Yellowknife	6.25
Pioneer	3.70	God's Lake	1.12
Premier Border	.04 3/4	Hardrock	.37
Privateer	.35	Harricana	.10 1/2
Reeves McDonald	1.20	Heva	.31
Reno	.13 1/2	Hosco	.30
Salmon Gold	.25	Jackknife	.07
Sheep Creek	1.02	Joliet Quebec	.55
Taylor Bridge	.44	Lapaska	.25
Taku River	.70	Little Long Lac	1.77
Vananda	.25	Lynx	.09
Congress	.04	Madsen Red Lake	3.50
Pacific Eastern	.10	McKenzie Red Lake	.59
Hedley Amalg.	.02 3/4	McLeod Cockshutt	1.74
Spud Valley	.11	Moneta	.43
Central Zeballos	.01 1/4	Negus	2.05
Silbak Premier	.65	Noranda	45.50
Oils		Louvicourt	1.65
Calmont	.39	Pickle Crow	2.60
C. & E.	2.40	Regcourt	.18 1/4
Foothills	2.55	San Antonio	4.35
Home	3.95	Senator Rouyn	.74
Toronto		Sherritt Gordon	3.20
Athona	.13	Steep Rock	2.32
Aumaque	.31	Sturgeon River	.19