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PENSION BILL APPROVED

Aid to Blind Lowered

OTTAWA, (CP)—The House of Commons approved the widely discussed Old Age Pensions Bill, introduced by the Minister of Health, Paul Martin, announced the government had decided to lower the pensionable age of Canada's blind from 40 years of age. This will add 1,700 persons to the 7,000 already receiving pensions who are afflicted with blindness. The pension for the blind, like others, will be increased from $30 to $40 monthly.

Tempest of Medal Trip

Ovation to First Motorist Driving from Florida to Prince Rupert

The incident of the 5100-mile drive of Capt. Henry Slayton and young son, Dick, took the stage of the Capitol Theatre last night when presentation was made of the Al Mannon medal for the first motorist to drive from Florida to Prince Rupert. The retired sea captain from Florida, was invested with the handsome $200 trophy by N. E. Arnold, acting for of the donor and the Prince Rupert public relations committee. The large theatre audience applauded enthusiastically.

Manager J. H. Black opened the proceedings and introduced Mayor Arnold who referred to the achievement of Capt. Slayton and Dick.

After credentials from the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce had been read, Captain Slayton spoke in a highly appreciative vein not only in view of receiving the medal but of the friendly and hospitable reception he had received here.

It was a thrilling denouement to what had been a wonderful trip, particularly that part of it through the central interior approaching Prince Rupert. He could certainly tell all and sundry by every means possible of the grand drive through a wonderful country.

Dick Slayton also said a few words when called upon and, like his father, received a hearty sound of applause.

Yesterday at luncheon Capt. Slayton was the speaker before the Prince Rupert Cubs Club. Today he was a guest at Rotary.

This afternoon the return trip was started when Capt. Slayton and Dick, accompanied by P. E. Robertson of Prince Rupert, left for Telkwa which is tonight's stopping place.

EVACUATING PART OF BRANDON

Boats Being Used for Purpose During Flooding

BRANDON, (CP) — Many boats are being used to evacuate residents of low-lying sections of Brandon. Flood waters of the Assiniboine River, augmented by those of the Minnedosa River, have turned this part of the city into a vast lake, covering 22 blocks.

Ten hundred persons living in the area and 25 families have left.

The depth of water covering the residential area is from one to three feet.

Miss Peggy Large, who has been attending Ontario Women's College at Whitby, returned home on last night's train. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Large.

BOYS' TOWN FOUNDER AND JAP PRINCE—Father Edward Flanagan, founder of "Boys' Town," Nebraska, is shown shaking hands with Crown Prince Akihito, eldest son of Emperor Hirohito, when the priest attended a rally of Japanese Boy Scouts in Tokyo. Father Flanagan went to Japan to plan something for Jap youngsters similar to his own "Boys' Town."

82 HOURS OF SUN IN JUNE

Weather This Year Averaging Better Than Last

Prince Rupert enjoyed 82.9 hours of bright sunshine during June, while during the same month there were 5.79 inches of rainfall, according to the monthly weather summary released this morning by the Digby Island meteorological station. Average temperature was 53 degrees, the highest this year.

Rainfall during the first six months this year totals 39.54 inches, as compared with 42.46 inches for the same period last year. So far, during 1947, there have been 503 hours of bright sunshine, as compared with 480 in 1946.

Highest temperature during June was 69 degrees on June 2, while the minimum was 42.8 degrees on June 18. The average temperature of 53 degrees was three degrees higher than in May.

Maximum barometric pressure during the month was 30.26 inches while the minimum was 29.31 inches.

Strongest wind was from the southeast at 22 miles an hour on June 9.

DISMISSED ON THEFT CHARGE

A charge of theft against Howard Cordick, insurance salesman, involving an alleged conversion of funds belonging to United Home Securities Association of Vancouver, was dismissed in city police court yesterday morning by Magistrate W. D. Vance.

The magistrate ruled that evidence failed to point to Cordick's guilt but indicated there had been opportunity for carelessness.

Cordick was charged by Cyril R. Duffield, vice-president of the health and accident insurance company, with theft of $51, allegedly part of policy premium money belonging to the company.

Cordick was defended by Mrs. Willa Ray, of the firm of W. O. Fulton. Corporal A. T. Lashmar of the provincial police prosecuted. The case originally came up in court on June 27 and was adjourned until yesterday.

MAIL GOES THROUGH

WINNIPEG, (CP)—This city can lay claim to one of the most earnest postmen in the country. Recently he took the old saying to heart and went to the extent of personally searching for a house that had been moved to another street.

HALIBUT SALES

TODAY'S SALES

American

Zarembo, 15,000, 23.9c and 18.5c, Pacific.

Canadian

Kodiak, 60,000, 22.5c and 17c, Cold Storage.

Kam Falls, 13,000, 22.6c and 17c, Pacific.

Thelma, 25,000, Clipper II, 16,000, and Embla, 16,000, Co-op.

WEDNESDAY

Fisher Lassie, 60,000, 26.7c and 18c, Atlin.

B.C. Lady, 22,000, 24c and 17.7c, Booth.

Black Cod

Advance II, 24,000, Co-op.

Kaien, 9,000, Bacon.

CONGRESSMAN IS CONVICTED

Andrew May and Munitions Makers Guilty of Conspiracy

WASHINGTON, (CP) — Former Congressman Andrew J. May was convicted today of selling his influence while wartime chairman of the House of Representative military committee.

The jury also convicted the makers of munitions, Henry and Murray Garson, of paying the 72-year old former Kentucky congressman more than $50,000 in bribes for favors during the war years.

The defendents received the verdicts calmly.

Court deferred sentence until later, to give the defence opportunity to make appeals. Prison terms of up to six years could be imposed.

MINERS TO GET BEST DEAL YET

WASHINGTON, (CP) — John L. Lewis is well on his way toward getting the best wage contract in the history of his United Mine Workers who otherwise would extend their current vacation into a full blown strike next Tuesday. It is thought the diggers will get a forty-four and a half cent boost in the basic hourly pay rate.

NAVAL MANOEUVRES

HALIFAX — The first joint British-Canadian naval exercises since the war are being held off Halifax. This was announced Tuesday by Vice-Admiral Sir William Tennant, Royal Navy.

Bulletins

DOMINION DAY TOLL

TORONTO — A record total of 92 deaths occurred in the Dominion Day celebration. The total takes in all of the fatalities across Canada and since the holiday exodus began Saturday. The heat wave, lasting till late Monday, in wide sections of the country contributed greatly to the year's tragic toll, as thousands flocked to rivers and beaches. British Columbia recorded six deaths.

U.N.R.R.A. BLASTED

NANKING—Chinese Communists blasted U.N.R.R.A. relief distribution today, making public letters sent to U.N.R.R.A. officials, and contending that Communist - controlled areas are getting only two per cent of what they should be receiving.

FLEET MOVING OUT

SEATTLE—The fishermen's wharf was the scene of feverish activity today as the halibut fleet prepared to put to sea after a two month's tie-up. With the fleet strike-bound until Tuesday night, the Canadian fishermen landed the great bulk of the halibut catch. It was some 2,000,000 pounds greater than last year.

MARITIME COMMISSSION

OTTAWA — Government legislation to form a Canadian Maritime Commission to advise on growth of a merchant fleet, and a shipbuilding industry met with opposition from the Senate and finance committee Wednesday. Senator Crerar (L-Manitoba) said Canada should not undertake to build up a shipping industry unless Canada could meet world competition which, he claimed, she could not do. The Bill was finally approved without any amendments.

DR. SHRUM NAMED

OTTAWA — The Minister of Defence, Hon. Brooke Claxton, has announced the appointment of Dr. Gordon Shrum, head of the Physics Department, University of British Columbia, to fill the vacancy in Canada's defence research board.

CHUTIST DROWNED

KAMLOOPS—Stewart Hodgson, aged 25, who held the post of game warden here, was drowned in Kamloops Lake when he became enmeshed in parachute harness during an exhibition jump at an air show.

MORE ALDERMANIC PAY

VANCOUVER—The aldermen of Vancouver are receiving a wage increase of $1,000 a year, effective Tuesday. Last January, their salaries were boosted from $1,800 to $2,000. Now they get $3,000.

KILLED IN FALL

VANCOUVER—H. L. Northey, 55, fell 25 feet to his death yesterday while repairing a venetian blind. He lost his balance and fell from a window on the second floor.

MARCH ON PARIS

PARIS — The self-described leader of the "Black Maquis," in a clandestine interview, said 25,000 armed men had been ready to lead a march on Paris at an appropriate moment and establish an "anti-Communist" government.

STILL IN SESSION

PARIS—The British, French and Russian foreign ministers met again today for what was expected to be the final session. New French proposals for the implementation of the Marshall Plan were considered. Thus a breakdown of the conference was at least temporarily averted.

Settlement Is Awaited

WASHINGTON — Powerful soft coal operators predicted today that an agreement will be reached with John L. Lewis in time to avert the threatened all out strike set for next Tuesday in the bituminous coal industry in the United States.

MEXICAN PRISON SWINDLE AGAIN

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police today issued a warning concerning the revival of the "Mexican prisoner swindle" headed by a group of confidence men in Mexico. Letters from the promoters of this swindle are being received in Canada.

The letters give a detailed account of how the writer, Albert L. Martin, a banker of Santa Cruz, Mexico, made poor investments and was about to be arrested for bunkruptcy. Before his arrest, he converted his assets into cash and sent them to a customs house in the United States.

With his 18-year-old daughter, he was arrested at the United States border and sentenced to a term in prison. Because his daughter is in need of money, he is requesting financing in order to get his money from a trunk in the United States customs house.

In return for financial assistance, one-third of the fabulous sum of money will go to his benefactor. The R.C.M.P. warn that this swindle is being carried on an international basis at the present time.

SOCKEYE CATCH STARTS SLOWLY

Initial Averages Are Forty Fish to Boat Per Day

The 1947 sockeye season, which fishermen anticipate may be one of the most productive in recent years, got off to a slow start this week according to first returns coming from the Skeena River. Bad weather reduced the number of boats that cast nets in the river on the opening night Sunday.

Initial averages, which cannot be taken as an indication of what is to come, showed 40 fish per boat for the first day's fishing, with high boat on the Skeena catching 194 fish. Naas River fishermen did better, averaging 79 fish per boat.

Up to Wednesday, 669 gillnet licences had been issued for Skeena River fishing although all these at that time had not begun operating. With the Fraser River sockeye season not opening until early September, it is expected that there may be as many as 1,000 boats on the Skeena at the peak of the season.

At Rivers Inlet, sharks are tearing the fishermen's nets, causing expensive damage. In that area, the fishermen have a "shark fund" to which all contribute, the money being used to repair nets damaged by the predators.

Sockeye on the Skeena are averaging about six pounds each, while on the Naas they are somewhat bigger, about eight pounds. At Rivers Inlet they weigh slightly over six pounds.

The sockeye catch will go to the seven canneries operating in the Prince Rupert area. The run will be succeeded by pink salmon about the middle of August and by cohoes about September 1.

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. MacSween and family left at the first of the week for Pouce Coupe in the Peace River country where they will visit for the coming month.

CONVICTS TAKE CAPITAL CITY

MANILA (CP)—A heavily-armed group of escaped prisoners captured Calapan, capital of Mindora Island, taking the island's governor and two city officials as hostages.

The escaped prisoners were still in control today, although their leader was killed in a forty-minute gun fight with police and the military.

It is reported that control of the airport has been regained and that the Philippines Airlines pilot has been freed.

Flight Capt. Manuel Conde flew to Manila with the first report of the outbreak.

The prisoners were led by a former military police officer, Lieut. Romero, who boasted that he controlled the city.

OLD MAN RIVER IS ON RAMPAGE

ST. LOUIS, (CP) — The raging Mississippi River is continuing its destructive sweep past the St. Louis area, after breaking four nearby levees and routing thousands from their homes, with additional dykes threatened. The river has surged to a new high of 40.2 feet. Damage in one area is estimated to aggregate $12,000,000.

SOL MUSSALLEM REVISITS CITY

Pioneer Business Man Found Prince Rupert Difficult to Recognize After Thirty Years' Absence

One of Prince Rupert prominent pioneer business men, who revisited the city yesterday after having not been here since 1919, found so many changes that he admitted it would have been difficult indeed to have found his way around. However, old friends came to his aid and, with their cars, showed him over the city which to one, after such long an absence, seemed almost completely reconstructed.

The returning old timer was Solomon Mussallem, who operated a grocery business on Fifth Avenue in the early days. Mr. Mussallem for almost thirty years now has made his home at Port Haney in the Fraser Valley and has become the perennial reeve of Maple Ridge municipality. He arrived here on the Prince Rupert yesterday morning from Vancouver and proceeded by the evening train to Winnipeg where he will attend the forthcoming convention of the Association of Canadian Mayors and Municipalities.

Mr. Mussallem is in the automotive business and, in addition to his Haney establishment, recently opened up at Mission. He handles General Motors products.

Reeve Mussallem is being accompanied by his wife. Old friends who met them while here observed that the years appeared to have passed lightly over them.

ALEXANDER ON TRIP TO WEST

OTTAWA—Viscount Alexander, Canada's Governor General, and Lady Alexander, left Ottawa yesterday for Edmonton on the first stage of a flying journey to various points in the Northwest Territories.

The itinerary will include visits to Jasper Park, Fort Nelson, B.C., Whitehorse and Dawson, Y. T., and Norman Wells, N.W.T.

The Governor General will not be on the west coast this summer although Lady Alexander will proceed from the Yukon via steamer through Prince Rupert to Vancouver.

Each Nation is Asked To Draw Up Its Needs

PARIS (CP)—The French foreign ministry announces that the British and French governments have decided to invite all European states, with the "provisional" exception of Spain, to take part in the drafting of a reply to General Marshall's proposals for the economic recovery of Europe. The communique has called on the European countries to "draw up a European reconstruction program in which the resources and needs of each country will be co-ordinated in such a manner that each will be able to decide freely."

The communique made no reference whatever to Soviet Russia nor to the failure yesterday of the Soviet, Britain and France agreeing on General Marshall's proposals respecting Europe.

Use of the term "provisional" in excluding Spain would appear to indicate that final decision on whether Spain would be permanently on the outside of any economic agreement would rest with an international organization which the communique said the British and French proposed to establish.

Twenty-two powers will be invited to meet in Paris July 12, the countries to include Austria, Turkey, Albania, Eire and all the former enemy states except Germany.

VISIT YUKON-PEACE RIVER

VANCOUVER, (CP)—Plans have been completed for a 21-man delegation from the Vancouver Board of Trade to visit Yukon and Peace River districts in the interior of the province. They will study transportation needs and the possibility of greater business development. The party will leave by plane July 26 and return in August. The tour will cover 3,300 miles.

STOCKS

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Vancouver	
Bralorne	10.65
B. R. Con.	.07
B. R. X.	10
Cariboo Gold	2.18
Dentonia	.16½
Grull Wihksne	.06
Hedley Mascot	1.00
Minto	.03½
Pend Oreille	2.35
Pioneer	3.75
Premier Border	.05¼
Premier Gold	.65
Privateer	.35½
Reeves McDonald	1.00
Reno	11
Salmon Gold	.18
Sheep Creek	1.10
Taylor Bridge	.52
Vananda	.31
Congress	.04¼
Pacific Eastern	.35
Hedley Amalg.	.05
Spud Valley (ask)	.15
Central Zeballos	.02½
Silbak Premier	.70
Oils—	
A. P. Con.	.22½
Calmont	.68
C. & E.	2.55
Foothills	2.70
Home	4.50
Toronto	
Athona	.11
Aumaque	.20½
Beattie	.71
Bevcourt	.69
Bobjo	.15
Buffalo Can.	.19
Con. Smelters	83.50
Conwest	1.00
Donalda	.89
Eldona	.36
Elder	.75
Giant Yellowknife	6.10
God's Lake	.91
Hardrock	.35
Harricana	.08
Heva Gold	.25
Hosco	.33½
Jacknife	.07
Joliet Quebec	.44
Lake Rowan	.18
Lapaska	.30¼
Little Long Lac	1.55
Lynx	.15¼
Madsen Red Lake	3.10
McKenzie Red Lake	.60
MacLeod Cockshutt	1.55
Moneta	.45
Negus	2.12
Noranda	44.75
Osisko Lake	1.28
Pickle Crow	2.50
Regcourt	.26
San Antonio	4.10
Senator Rouyn	.38
Sherritt Gordon	3.15
Steep Rock	2.10
Sturgeon River	.21

W. R. Devenish, vice-president in charge of western lines, Canadian National Railways, who arrived in the city on last night's train from Winnipeg in the course of a routine inspection tour, and Mrs. Devenish, will leave on the Prince Rupert tonight for Vancouver.

TO TEST STRENGTH

French Government Expects Vote of Confidence Tomorrow

PARIS, (CP)—Premier Ramadier stated that a proposed confidence motion would be virtually certain of winning approval when the vote ensues on Friday.

Despite the initial hanging hanging back of all parties making up coalition, the non-Communist cabinet has closed ranks at the last moment and agreed on a simple motion, expressing confidence in the government and the economic policies it intends to follow.

Great Reception For Big Warship

VANCOUVER, (CP)—The U.S.S. Iowa, pride of the United States Navy and mightiest warship afloat, dropped anchor off Ballantyne Pier here Wednesday night amid a thunderous welcome along the Vancouver waterfront. The 53,000-ton vessel will be open to the public Wednesday to Sunday.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

A storm centre lies near the Queen Charlotte Islands and there have been strong winds and rain over the north coastal waters. The rain associated with this storm will extend to the northern interior and the southern coast by evening and to the entire province by Friday morning.

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast with showers today and Friday on Queen Charlotte Islands. Elsewhere—continuous rain until midafternoon and overcast with showers thereafter. Winds, northwesterly, 15 m.p.h. Queen Charlotte Islands. Elsewhere, southeasterly, 20 miles per hour, until noon today and northwesterly, 15, thereafter. Little change in temperature. Temperatures tonight and Friday—Port Hardy low 50, high 59; Massett low 48, high 57; Prince Rupert low 48, high 57.

Local Tides

Friday, July 4, 1947

High	1:30	20.2 feet
	14:40	17.9 feet
Low	8:14	2.6 feet
	20:10	8.1 feet