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Cruise Ship Sinks Near Alaska Coast—All Saved

'Could Have Been Saved'

VANCOUVER (CP)—Capt. Graham Hughes of the sunken steamship Princess Kathleen said today:

"If we could have got help, she never would have gone down."

Capt. Hughes, who arrived here by plane from the wreck scene near Juneau, said his ship was off course at the time of the grounding but that she was not in the wrong channel.

"She wasn't damaged so badly. She would have floated easily enough if we could have got tugs to help.

"We tried to back her off, without success. Then by running her two engines in opposite directions we tried to keep her stern up to the wind, but a 40-to-45-mile-an-hour norwester pushed her around sideways and that's what took her life.

"Nobody likes to see the ship go down like that. It was terrible."

Young Boy Does Man's Job in Rescue

Special to The Daily News

JUNEAU — Youngest crew member of the ill-fated Princess Kathleen — 16-year-old Ireton Robert Bowey of New Westminster, who looks like 12—today is the pet of the stewards' department.

Just a boy, he did a man's job in the rescue operation. This is his first year at sea and it was his first voyage with the company.

Passengers off the Kathleen were cared for by Juneau families and some were housed in the Baranoff Hotel. Only B.C. passengers were:

Mrs. Frances Albee, Chemainus; Miss Ether Bellas, Miss Kathleen Burnside, Miss Lois Ives, of Vancouver; Miss Norma Nicholson of Langley Prairie and Miss Elizabeth Smyth of Cloverdale.

Princess Kathleen Meets Fate in Northern 'Graveyard'

The relentless waters of southeastern Alaska's "ship's graveyard" claimed another Canadian Pacific Steamships vessel Sunday—its flagship, the Princess Kathleen.

But no person of the 425 aboard was lost. Three planes of the Canadian Pacific Airlines have evacuated some of the stranded passengers, and the balance will be taken aboard the company's Princess Elizabeth which left Vancouver yesterday.

A mile and a half off course, the 5908-ton Kathleen crunched aground with her bow almost underneath a cliff at 3:15 a.m. Earthquake-conscious Californians aboard said blow felt like such a shock.

Within four hours, with coast guard-aided rescue efforts, 307 passengers aboard were taken ashore, many of the younger ones climbing down ladders to the beach.

Near mid-day, when the rising tide began to fill the hull, Capt. Granam O. Hughes ordered "abandon ship," and 118 officers and crew also put ashore.

The ship slipped from its rocky berth and sank, with its bow going high into air, in 90 feet of water at 1:40 p.m. The spot was 18 miles north of Juneau.

The Kathleen left for Juneau Friday morning from Prince Rupert docks on her ninth cruise trip of the season.

This was an extra trip and was chartered by a large group of Californians, although some additional passengers also were on board.

She sailed from Juneau for Skagway shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday. First Officer Charles W. Savage was on bridge when the ship hit, Capt. Hughes reported. The lookout sighted the reef and cliff looming up in the darkness and light rain but there was no time for change in course.

The First Officer was unable to explain the ship's position, Hughes said. He was near collapse after the ship was abandoned.

NOT SERIOUS

The ship's plight was not believed to be serious at first and passengers were served coffee. Winds kicked up six-foot waves and a drenching rain fell.

On arrival of a coast guard cutter, lifeboats brought passengers ashore, fires were built on the beach only a half mile to the road.

About 160 of younger passengers, many of them on tour sponsored by the Catholic Young Men's Institute of San Francisco, climbed down ladders to shore and hiked to the road.

Coast guard boat took 110 of older passengers to the harbor and returned and took between 30 and 40 to Auke Bay, both points within easy access to the road to Juneau.

After crew got ashore, they huddled near fires and as the Kathleen finally filled with water and took its last plunge they bared their heads and wept.

RESCUE SMOOTH

The Kathleen rescue operations described by Fort M. Gilmore of San Francisco, assistant to the vice president of the Southern Pacific Railway, as carried out "beautifully and smoothly." His wife and daughter were with him on the trip.

Three other Canadian Pacific ships have been lost in the immediate area and a fourth was salvaged.

One of the North Pacific's worst marine disasters took the lives of 343 persons, every one aboard, when the Princess Sophia sank Oct. 13, 1918, only eight miles away.

Twenty-six were lost when the Islander hit Douglas Island Rock in the area in September 1901.

The Cutch sank in 1900 only five miles away, but with no loss of life, and the Princess May, which went on rocks in 1911, was salvaged later, also without any lives lost.

Their holidays dumped 15 fathoms into Alaska's inland passage, 19 tourists arrived in Vancouver today carrying memories of a shipwreck and very little else.

And for many of the glad-to-be-living Americans, who figure their loss of luggage a small matter when the ocean was playing for keeps, the story of a shipwreck had its beginning more than a year ago.

They, and some 280 other passengers were aboard the ex-

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Election Not Imminent, Says Premier

VICTORIA (CP) — While striking speculation of an early return to the polls, Premier W. A. C. Bennett said Saturday "only another (B.C.) general election can bring about stability on the political and economic front.

"The government has never said a general election is imminent," he Premier added.

But he went on to say that stability cannot be secured as long as no party has working a majority in legislature.

"And only another election can settle this question," the Premier said.

The uncertainty which exists in the public mind regarding the political situation was caused by the breakup of the coalition government and the indecisive election of June 12.

"The stability in this regard cannot be secure as long as no party has a working majority in the legislature.

"Only a new electron can settle this question. But I want to make it clear while there has been a lot of speculation regarding an election, which is only natural due to the indecisive results of the June 12 election, that the government has never made any statement that an election is imminent."

Fierce Battle Range in Korea

SEOUL (CP)—Chinese and South Korean infantry battled fiercely today for control of Capital Hill amid bursting shells from tremendous United Nations and Communist artillery barrages.

BULLETINS

NEW YORK—The World Series will open Wednesday, October 1, in the home park of the National League champions.

...or City Problem ...en to St. Laurent

...mber of Commerce Makes ...lea For Land Air Field

...f this city's most urgent requests to the ...vernment for some years Sunday night ...d personally to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

Close to 700 people cheered as T. Norton Youngs, Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce president, handed Mr. St. Laurent a resolution calling for "action as soon as possible" in establishing a land air port here.

(Prince Rupert is served only by a sea-plane base.)

"Because you experienced today what you have not experienced elsewhere on your tour, the Chamber of Commerce feels it appropriate at this time to draw your attention to our need of a landing field here.

"You landed today on the water," said Mr. Youngs.

Mr. Youngs handed the Prime Minister a large brown envelope containing the resolution "which we hope you will peruse at your leisure," just after Mr. St. Laurent addressed the packed crowd in the Civic Centre auditorium.

The resolution stressed that amphibious aircraft now utilized for passenger transportation by air were built during the Second World War and as these aircraft are no longer being made they could not be replaced "as and when they become obsolete."

Earlier, Mr. St. Laurent had discussed airport possibilities with Mayor Harold Whalen and aldermen. (See earlier story, page 6.)

The Prime Minister said in his speech that the "northward trend" of industry in Canada "will have its effect on the future of Prince Rupert."

"While the great enthusiasm that accompanied its (Prince Rupert's) selection as the western railway terminus was premature, there are many signs today that those early hopes are not far from being realized," he said.

GOOD FUTURE

Mr. St. Laurent listed as a "good omen" Prince Rupert's increase in population by one-third between 1941 and 1951, and counted the city's increasing fishing activity and operation of the Columbia Cellulose many new industries following

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...inister St. Laurent ...y Prince Rupert ...it by construction ...for land planes. ...not promise to have ...ow or in the future. ...yor Harold Whalen ...in council cham- ...adian Pacific Air- ...and the Depart- ...nsport are anxious ...d plane base here. ...had a "delightful ...from Powell River ...with Grant McCon- ...nt of CPA, and "I ...impression he be- ...nost necessary not ...ce Rupert but for ...that there be a ...rport at this point." ...that one of the ...onstructing an air- ...failure to select a ...McConachie point- ...pot for an airport ...rip here but in his ...uld be a costly af- ...Minister said Can- ...other costly things ...the St. Lawrence ...ect as an example ...ny reasonably sure ...an asset." ...ed various groups ...e best location and ...e attention of the ...Minister "who I'm ...n to your requests." ...it would be a big ...I don't think it is ...ng that is too big ...Canadian people." ...know that you can't ...without a land airport, ...could do better with it," ...ncluded. ...Prime Minister was pre- ...a case of sockeye ...a 35-pound spring ...by the city. ...cepting the gifts he said: ...greatly complimented ...of your salmon has ...aught especially for me. ...heard a lot about the ...fish from Mr. Howe ...Trade and Com- ...don't think he ever ...this big." ...salmon bore spe- ...which said the fish ...in the Skeena es- ...ked for the Prime

...R OF "ALICE" ...roll is the nom-de- ...harles Ludwig Dog- ...sides being a famous ...a noted mathema-

IMPORTANT FIND—Barbara Shaw, 20, second-year student of anthropology at the University of Toronto, is credited with bringing to light one of the most important archeological finds in Canada. The Toronto girl was shown what appeared to be a lump of black and bent copper, which she recognized as an Indian axe. Later it was identified by Professor J. Norman Emerson, head of the University's department of anthropology, as dating back to the Old Copper Culture of 5,000 years ago. She is shown with Jack Mangan, former prospector, who found the relics on the short of Farquhar Lake, near Wilberforce, 60 miles north of Peterborough, Ont. Miss Shaw helped him uncover other relics including copper axes, awls, fish-hooks, flanged speartips, beads and several Chalcedony flint scrapers.

Salmon Fishermen Strike For Higher Chum Prices

British Columbia salmon fishermen kept their seiners and gillnetters in port Sunday on strike for higher prices for chum salmon.

Homer Stevens, secretary of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (TLC), said more than 90 per cent of the fishermen voted in favor of the tieup.

The vote was held last weekend among 3000 to 4000 fishermen along the B.C. coast. Announcing the result Saturday night, Stevens said the union was ordering an immediate strike.

Besides fishermen, thousands of cannery workers will also be affected.

Fishermen are seeking last year's price for chums. Fisheries Association of B.C. offered 5½ cents a pound, about half of last season's price, the union said.

Tribe Makes Gains, Brooks Advance Lead

NEW YORK (CP)—Cleveland Indians gained ground on the New York Yankees in the American League pennant race Sunday while Brooklyn Dodgers enlarged their lead over the New York Giants in the National League to five games.

Husky Mike Garcia and Steve Gromek pitched the Indians to 4-0 and 3-1 victories over the St. Louis Browns to cut the Yanks' advantage to two games.

Yankees defeated Washington 5-1 behind the eight-hit pitching of Ed Lopat and a grand-slam pinch-hit home run by Johnny Mize.

Preacher Roe, surprise starter backed by four home runs, hurled the Dodgers to a 4-1 victory over the Giants in the third of their five game series which will be completed today with a day-night doubleheader.

News Publisher Arrives in City

John F Magor, publisher of The Daily News, Mrs. Magor and two younger children arrived in the city today on the Princess Louise to take up residence permanently.

Mr. Magor, who was injured in an accident at Kemano Bay in May, was released from hospital in Vancouver a few weeks ago and has been recuperating at his home there.

Inquiry Ordered In Ship Sinking

OTTAWA (CP)—Transport Minister Chevrier today ordered a preliminary inquiry into the loss of the Princess Kathleen. Capt. J. C. Barbour, supervising examiner of Masters and Mates of Transport Department in Vancouver, was instructed to conduct the inquiry.

Sunshine, Dignitaries Welcome PM

Old sol broke through the rainclouds Sunday exactly half an hour before Prime Minister St. Laurent landed in a CPA plane at Seal Cove airport.

It was the first time in three days that the sun had shone over Prince Rupert and it set the stage for a great welcome.

Mr. St. Laurent was accompanied by J. W. Pickersgill, clerk of the Privy Council; Ross Martin, his private secretary; Hon. R. W. Mayhew, Federal Minister of Fisheries; Bill Munro, and Grant McConachie, president of Canadian Pacific Airlines.

The plane was piloted by W. T. (Wally) Jennings with Cece McNeil, chief check pilot for CPA's domestic lines, second in command.

Stewardesses were Miss Raymonde Ouelette, formerly of Montreal, and now on CPA's Pacific runs, and Miss Margaret Grant of Vancouver.

The Prime Minister was the first to step off the plane after it was pulled into the hangar.

He was greeted by E. T. Applewhaite, Liberal MP for Skeena riding, who in turn introduced him to others in the welcoming party, including Mayor Harold Whalen, T. Norton Youngs, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Inspector W. M. Taylor of the RCMP; Sgt. T. A. Stewart, RCMP; Jack McRae, former Liberal MLA for Prince Rupert; D. G. Frizzell, Al Armstrong, Walter Smith, Alex Haig, president of the Canadian Legion here, and W. C. R. Jones, head of the Columbia Cellulose plant at Port Edward.

—WEATHER—

Cold Arctic air at present lying east of the Rockies is expected to move into the northern Cariboo today bringing cloudy colder weather to central interior regions.

Rain associated with the disturbance spread to all the southern coast during the night and the rain area will extend into the southern interior as the cool air moves eastward tonight and tomorrow.

Forecast

Cloudy and cool, clearing northern mainland this afternoon. A few showers over Charlottes today. Intermittent rain southern section today with a few showers Tuesday. Winds northerly 20 northern section region and northwesterly 15 southern section. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy and Sandspit 40 and 60, Prince Rupert 35 and 62.

...urent Speaks to Children

Prince Rupert Welcomes Great Statesman

By ...IC SANDERSON

...pert on Sunday wel- ...at Canadian states- ...— Prime Minister ...Laurent — stepped ...n a Canadian Pacific ...ne at exactly 2 p.m. ...ted by Federal and ...ls on his first visit ...Canada's most strat- ...ports. ...ng officially greeted ...plewhaite of Prince ...eral MP for Skeena, ...ous other dignitaries ...roke from the ranks ...ss" to meet and talk ...wd of children who ...the air base. ...d each with his now- ...le and shook hands ...before he was taken ...room. ...his agenda was a ...oth Memorial High ...ere, once again he ...e children. ...welcomed him. He ...word for all. ...with children of all ...they flocked around ...strolled through the throng after telling them that "perhaps one of you might someday be the Prime Minister of this great land."

Welcomed at the school entrance by F. E. Anfield, commissioner of the Boy Scouts here, he was introduced to scoutmaster Archie Mitchell of the 4th Prince Rupert Troop.

Asked if he wished to inspect scouts in th guard of honor, Mr. St. Laurent said:

"A casual inspection satisfies me that everything is in perfect order."

Entering the school, he spoke with several children, many of whom took pictures of him with their tiny cameras.

He then met A. M. Hurst, high school principal and A. Bruce Brown, acting chairman of the school board, who with Hon. R. W. Mayhew and Mr. Applewhaite, occupied positions on the platform of the school auditorium.

There wasn't a sound in the auditorium as the Prime Minister extolled Canada, its future and its citizens and when he finished, cheers rang from the more than 300 children who had come to see and hear him.

Wearing a smartly cut grey flannel suit, white shirt and maroon tie, the 70-year-old Prime Minister said:

"I take great faith in meeeing the younger generation who, as we pass along, will take over the affairs of government."

"I came to Prince Rupert to see what might have been expected to commence 40 years ago.

"The city did commence, but it did not progress with the rapidity that was expected, but it is now moving and I believe you are heading for a great future."

Children of all nationalities sat motionless as the Prime Minister told of the great industrial expansion taking place in Canada, in particular in British Columbia, and said "your government will see that the resources are protected for your future."

"The greatest assets of a nation," he told them, "are the people who compose it."

He said there is room for many more in Canada and within the next few years the population could easily be doubled.

"The government," he said, "is doing its best to keep the world at peace and we have reason to believe that it will be successful.

"No matter how large the nation grows, we must work together to make this a happy and prosperous nation."

Mr. St. Laurent said the main reason he wanted to see the children was to show them that a Prime Minister is "no different than anyone else."

"He's just the same as you except he is trying to satisfy all the people regardless of their interests."

Following his address to the children, the Prime Minister was whisked to City Council Chambers where he was introduced to the aldermen. He then went to HMCS Chatham to inspect the sea cadets, Wrens and naval detachments before having a private supper. In the evening he made a public address in the Civic Centre.

Smithers Greets Prime Minister; School Children Get Holiday Following Speech

Special to The Daily News

SMITHERS. — If the children of Smithers grow up to be as good Canadians as Olof Hansen "you'll be a very fine group of citizens."

So said Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent this morning as he gave them a holiday from classes after telling them he came here to show them that he is no different than any other man. "Although I don't know very much about Smithers it was the home of my old friends Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hansen.

"Mr. Hanson was a pretty good Canadian citizen and a wonderful example for the youngsters."

Mr. Hanson, member of parliament for Skeena riding for many years and Norwegian consul of British Columbia for more than 30 years died in Vancouver a short time ago. He was born in Norway and came to Canada as a young boy arriving in this part of the country more than 40 years ago. He was one of the most respected members of the House of Commons.

Stepping off his special car into the cool brisk air, the Prime Minister was welcomed on the station platform by leading citizens of this village, then driven half a block to a playground where a platform was erected for him to address the assembled school children.

Wearing a light grey top coat over his neatly tailored brown suit he said:

"Canada is a pretty fine place to live and I don't think there are any better citizens than you children.

He strolled among the throng shaking hands with young and old.

"I can't shake hands with all of you, even though I'd like to," said the jovial PM, "but I'll shake hands with a few and you pass it along.

"I've seen thousands of delightful young Canadians since I arrived in British Columbia a week ago and you are just as good as any of them."

When as Prime Minister he was told he could give them a holiday, they stood silent for a moment then cheered lustily after they realized he meant it.

Mr. St. Laurent spoke with dozens of the citizens but paid special attention to the children asking each his or her name and telling them that Canada is the finest place to live, "no matter what town or province you are living in."

He went directly from the open air meeting to the airport where he and his party boarded a Department of Transport plane for Prince George, where a civic luncheon was scheduled. He goes from there to Edmonton by air and will board his special train in the Alberta capital.