

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Thursday, December 17, 1952
Pacific Standard Time

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PEACE RIVER PIPELINE BILL BEFORE COMMONS

OTTAWA — The Commons Monday gave first reading to a bill—already passed by the Senate—to incorporate the Peace River Transmission Company.

The company plans to take over 17 miles of pipeline now owned by the Dawson Creek area, and the measure empowers the company to extend the line to other parts of the Peace River bloc.

The bill was sponsored by George Murray (L-Cariboo).

Treatment Reducing TB Among Natives

Record Set in October With No Deaths Recorded

By LARRY STANWOOD

A victory over an insidious, killing enemy of a particular race of mankind is making history in Prince Rupert, as well as in other parts of British Columbia and in other provinces.

More than 10 years ago the first organized step was taken to control tuberculosis among Canada's native Indians. The instance of a handful of medical men who were faced with the ravages of the disease among a dwindling population.

With the second greatest population and the gravest problem with TB among it, a death rate of 200 a year in 1941. That was near an 18-month average.

This year marked the 11th month on record in B.C. with no deaths among Indians due to TB were reported. Further statistics show that

Coqualeetza Hospital Opened

The Coqualeetza Hospital, in B.C., was opened in the fall of 1941.

At that time there was no hospital in Canada for the treatment of tubercular Indians. There wasn't a single bed for Indian sick with that disease in all parts of the province. Doctors, nurses and social workers spent their time trying to cure tuberculosis among every other Indian in the country.

Today, said Dr. Galbraith, there are 22 hospitals in Canada which three are located in B.C. with a total of 2,000 beds, devoted to treatment and cure of tubercular native Indians.

This October record which has just been set is a monumental event. The year's record shows that the 1952 death rate will likely not be more than 50, an exceptional decrease from the 200 who died from TB in 1941.

How did this intense control

Improved Indian Health Service

When he left Bella Coola to work with another pioneer medical man in this field, Dr. S. Barclay, now regional superintendent for B.C. with headquarters in Vancouver.

Major factors which have brought the remarkable reduction of the TB death rate during the past 10 years are education, new drugs, surgery and general living conditions, in that order.

Education is the biggest factor and this is coupled with the cooperation we get from the "live people," declared Dr. Galbraith.

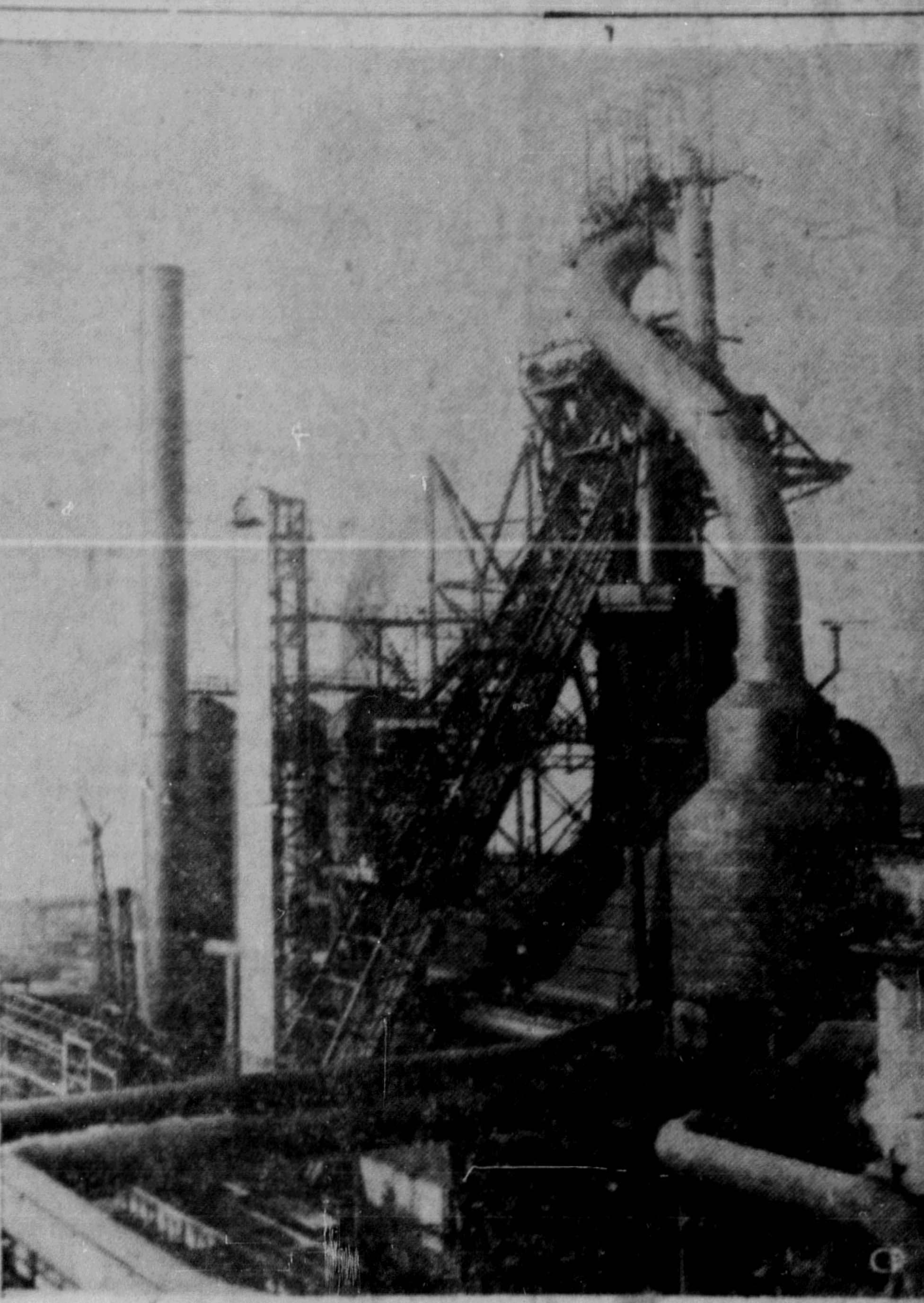
Without their co-operation we would be stymied, but their understanding of the problem and their will to help us and themselves has made all the difference in the world.

But treatment and cure is not the only part of TB control. There are annual surveys, a steady, unrelenting "following-up" program, and rehabilitation.

The service is free. First, the surveys include tests and X-rays (some 3,000 are made annually in the northern, district under Miller Bay supervision), along with educational films promoting better living conditions and study of TB and its effects.

Each survey shows TB cases. These cases are called in for treatment, which is taken on a voluntary basis.

When a case has been cured, the patient is sent home. During his treatment period, if he is the head of a household, the family is looked after by the department of Indian affairs.



CANADA'S LARGEST blast furnace has been put into operation by the Steel Company of Canada, Ltd., at Hamilton. The new furnace—226 feet high—is part of a \$60,000,000 expansion program which will make the plant capable of producing almost half of Canada's total steel production.

Pearkes Demands Inquiry Into Armed Forces Set-Up

OTTAWA — A Progressive Conservative Party spokesman has demanded a searching inquiry by an independent com-

Red China Rejects UN Peace Bid

TOKYO (CP) — Red China rejected in bitter and abusive language Monday a United Nations appeal for peace in Korea based on India's plan for exchanging prisoners of war.

Foreign Minister Chou En-lai in a message to the UN called the UN General Assembly resolution "clearly illegal and invalid."

Chou's message was broadcast over the Peiping radio, heard in the Chinese language in Tokyo and English language in San Francisco.

It was addressed to Lester B. Pearson of Canada, UN assembly president.

Chou said the only way to obtain peace was to accept the communist demand for "unconditional, speedy and total repatriation of prisoners of war."

Mrs. Burdett, Pioneer Miner's Wife Dies Here

The wife of a pioneer northern miner, Mrs. Ragna Katinka Burdett, 69, of 1447 Sixth Avenue East, died yesterday afternoon. She had been ill since February.

Born in Narvik, Norway, she came to Canada in 1912 and with her husband, Frank, moved to the Stewart in 1928 where Mr. Burdett was engaged in mining at Premier. They were married in Alberta in 1917. They came to Prince Rupert 12 years ago.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Richard, of Nanaimo; a daughter, Mrs. M. B. Nicholson of Seattle; and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements, in charge of B.C. Undertakers, will be announced.

Duke to Forego June Coronation

PARIS — The Duke of Windsor announced today neither he nor his American-born wife will attend the coronation next June.

The Duke's statement to the press claimed it would not be according to Royal etiquette for him to attend as a former king.

There have been widely-circulating reports in Britain recently that he would attend, healing a family split which has kept him removed from Buckingham Palace since his abdication in 1936.

Arbitration Demanded By City School Teachers

Daring Rescuers Save Crew

LEGHORN, Italy (CP) — Daring rescuers pulled the drenched and weary crew of the storm-broken U.S. refrigerator ship Grommet Reefer to safety today as calmer weather permitted the double-barreled operation.

By noon 18 of the 49-man crew were safe.

One by one, some of the sailors were hauled ashore on a re-rigged breeches buoy.

Four other seamen slipped into the sea from rope ladders and were picked up by a small Italian navy boat that bobbed nearby in choppy waters.

Savage winds and waves pilled the 3,800-ton ship onto a harbor reef 200 yards off shore here early Monday and then broke her in two.

The stern, with all the crew aboard, wedged fast on rocks.



GENERAL PEARKES demands inquiry

Major-General George R. Pearkes, VC, (PC-Nanaimo) said Monday night that revelations in the Currie report on one branch of the army make a wider inquiry vital at this time.

He said the report, tabled in the Commons yesterday, substantiates everything his party has been saying about "extravagance, waste, improper supervision and weak administration in the defence effort."

His demand followed CCF charges that changes were made in the controversial report before it was presented to parliament.

The CCF demanded a full explanation of how and why this came about. Prime Minister St. Laurent said he would investigate this charge and also how the CCF came to get the document before it was tabled.

The report said the seven-month investigation of army works services found a "serious collapse in security," chaotic accounting arrangements, failure to follow up reports of unsatisfactory conditions, and a series of fabulous incidents at Camp Petawawa which finally led to prosecution and to the inquiry.

The Petawawa incidents even included horses which appeared on payrolls as laborers. It said, however, the whole works service shouldn't be smeared because of the "sins of a handful of crooks."

Only Four Vote Against By-law For New School

All ballots cast in the rural district Thursday on the Port Edward school bylaw have been returned, totalling 97 in all with four voting in the negative.

Latest returns came from Hunt's Inlet where 17 voted in favor, and one against, and from Port Simpson where three were in favor and one against.

Other two negative votes were cast at Digby Island and at the city polling station.

Atomic Plant Workers Return

CHALK RIVER, Ont. — Workers returned to their jobs Monday at Canada's atomic energy plant here, three days after excessive radiation forced their evacuation.

Dr. David Keys, chairman of the project co-ordinating committee, said today all employees could return following the week-end cleanup of radiation which leaked through a pinpoint hole in a big atomic pile.

TLC Protests Freezing B.C. Hospital Budgets

A motion of protest against Health Minister Eric Martin's order that B.C. hospitals must keep their 1953 budgets on 1952 levels has been made by the Prince Rupert Trades & Labor Council.

The motion was passed at the December meeting of labor delegates who "view with alarm this action of placing a ban on expansion of facilities and operations of hospitals."

Delegate R. G. Moore told Council that hospitals would have to have more finances for 1953 or cut services.

On recommendation of a committee of teachers, a student, Conrad Hadland, was awarded the Council's \$200 bursary to assist him in taking further studies in a trade outside of Prince Rupert.

The Typographical Union reported signing a new agreement including wage increases and statutory holidays on a par with Vancouver agreements.

Civic Employees Union reported a new agreement had been signed with the Prince Rupert General Hospital on a near par with the Vancouver area.

Report was heard from the Workmen's Compensation Board

Board Denies End Of Negotiations

Prince Rupert district teachers have demanded arbitration to fix the 1953 salary scale, charging that the school board has cut off negotiations in its refusal to grant an over-all \$40,000 annual increase.

In a letter to the school board, R. H. Davidson, salary committee chairman, said the teachers "regretted" that negotiations had ceased and demanded arbitration, naming their arbitrator as V. L. Dryer, Vancouver lawyer.

Teachers asked the board to name its arbitrator as soon as possible.

Saturday, Mr. Davidson told the Daily News that refusal of the requested increase for the 62 district teachers and the board's counter offer of the 1952 salary scale was taken as a move to end negotiations.

He said following the increase request, "the board stated it would be pleased to continue negotiations and that the teachers would be notified of a suitable date of meeting."

"This meeting was not held in effect, the teachers, wanting to get started on negotiations in line with the expressed opinion of the board, have been told there is no negotiation."

Meanwhile, Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the school board, in a statement to the Daily News today said no mention had been made by the board of terminating negotiations.

"The teachers' salary committee opened negotiations by presenting the board members with a brief outlining their demands, and requesting a meeting at an early date. This meeting was held and the teachers were told that an answer would be forthcoming shortly. On Nov. 24, the Board advised the teachers by mail that it was unable to grant what was felt to be an unreasonable request for salary increases. On Nov. 26, the salary committee wrote, 'If the board wishes to continue negotiations we would be pleased to meet with the board at an early date. The teachers felt that the proposed basis submitted is reasonable, but they will be willing to consider such proposals as the board presents.'

"Teachers expected the board to make a counter offer. As there was no meeting of the board to consider the matter for a few days, the school board secretary wrote, the school board will be pleased to meet your committee again as soon as a date can be arranged. You will be notified when this is done.' This letter

Mountbatten Given Top Naval Post

PARIS (CP) — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization today cleared up an 18-month dispute between Britain and the United States by naming a British admiral commander-in-chief of all but U.S. naval forces in the Mediterranean.

Admiral Earl Mountbatten was chosen for the job.

His main assignment is maintenance of sea and air communications between Gibraltar and the Suez.

Defence Treaty Not Discussed

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent said Monday he did not discuss the Pacific defence treaty with anyone while attending the London conference of prime ministers.

He made the statement in reply to Howard Green (PC-Vancouver-Quadra), who asked if the Canadian government had taken steps similar to those of the United Kingdom which is reported to have been given a voice in Pacific defence.

The WEATHERMAN Says

Synopsis

Skies are cloudy across the southern half of the province while in the north it is clear. There are rain showers on the south coast and occasional light snow or drizzle is falling in the southern interior.

There is an extensive storm about 1200 miles off the coast but this is not expected to reach this area tomorrow. Little change is expected in the general weather conditions throughout the province today and Wednesday. Clear skies however will bring below zero temperatures to the northern interior tonight.

Forecast

North coast region — Cloudy with a few showers today in the area near northern Vancouver Island, elsewhere a few clouds. Clear north portion Wednesday and cloudy south portion. Little change in temperature. Light wind. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy, 35 and 42; Sandspit, 35 and 42; Prince Rupert, 28 and 40.

Bank Bandit Captured In Gunfight

WILLIAMS LAKE — RCMP today captured a gunman some hours after he had shot and wounded the manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here in a holdup attempt.

Manager Leonard Hillier suffered a flesh wound when the bandit fired on him after he refused to open the vault early today.

The gunman fled, but was captured after a gun battle with RCMP at 10 a.m. in the bush, 14 miles south of here. The bandit was wounded during the gun fight.

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EDMONTON (CP) — The Alberta labor department reports Alberta's urban population has outstripped the rural population for the first time. It reported urban population now is 488,188, equal to 51.96 of the province's total population.



SHIRLEY DOUGLAS, 18, daughter of Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan, rests between classes at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. Miss Douglas studies ballet and is wearing her practice costume, complete with pointed shoes, as part of her dramatic training.