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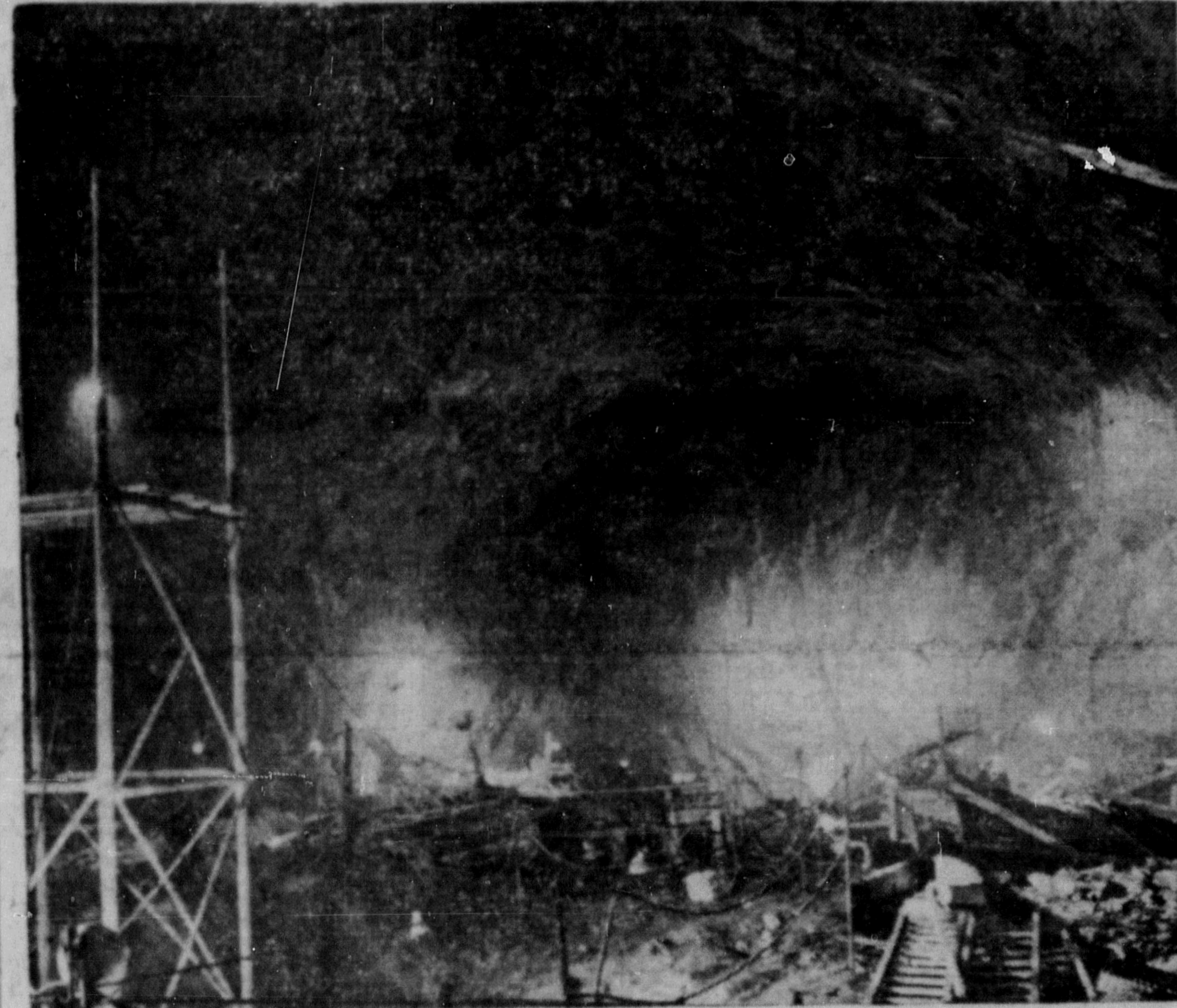


B.C.'s Newest City Looms

BUILDINGS AND FOUNDATIONS of the proposed Aluminum smelter at Kitimat begin to show up where a \$100,000,000 plant is to begin pouring aluminum ingots in 1954. In the background, marked by crosses, is the site where a new B.C. city will mushroom out of the wilderness, housing the thousands of employees at Alcan's future smelter. To the right, the circle marks the site of the ancient and still existing Indian village of Kitimat, on the shores of Minette Bay.

20 Lose Lives During Rescue from Liner

BEIRUT — All passengers of the stricken liner *Empress of Britain* have been taken ashore through the gale-swept Lebanon coast—but 20 of 238 persons aboard are reported drowned. Twenty passengers died today in a desperate attempt to swim ashore, while 10 others were taken to death when a lifeboat capsized. Assisted by the British cruiser *HMS Hermes* and pilot boats and surfboats, the final rescue was completed. Henry Bourde was the last man to drop from the wave-swept decks to a rescue boat. Heavy weather yesterday prevented ships standing by the stricken liner from getting close enough to take off any of the passengers. Three British planes made unsuccessful attempts to fly over the ship and drop a cable to connect the broken vessel with shore. The beach was filled with thousands of spectators who watched the rescue of passengers from the pounding surf. Captain Saman Joy Cile, one of the survivors, said sea water had leaked into the ship's fresh water tanks and food had been lost when she broke in two. Some were killed or injured when she cracked, he said. Passengers were mostly French. A fierce gale blew the liner, a 20-year-old veteran of French shipping, onto the reef Monday as she battled toward Beirut. Fierce seas and surf broke her back and sent a wide crack down the amidships section, apparently splitting her apart.



LIFE FOR THE SMELTER at Alcan's Kitimat site will come from Kemano Bay, where an underground powerhouse is planned to generate an estimated 1,640,000 horsepower. Here part of the "roof" of the powerhouse cavern is being prepared for cementing. An elevator shown in the left brings up the concrete from the "floor" of the cavern, 80 feet below.

City Council Amends Bylaw Establishing Fares for Passenger Carriers in Rupert

A city bylaw establishing maximum fares for passenger carriers within the municipal limits was amended by council last night after it was discovered that at least one carrier was operating contrary to the bylaw and that the city had approved another service which would be operating outside the law. This was brought to the attention of aldermen by City Clerk Bill Long following the application of H. L. Knutson to operate a city shoppers' service here. The amendment alters the bylaw to exclude "limousine service, but service and scheduled shoppers' service" from established maximum fares. Before this, the airport limousine was operating above the maximum fares. Meanwhile, the city will ask Mr. Knutson to clarify certain changes in his application to the Public Utilities Commission from the application made to city council.

12-DAY REPRIEVE GRANTED MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER

VANCOUVER — Alex Viatkin, 24, won a 12-day reprieve when the crown informed Mr. Justice J. M. Coady that the hangman can't arrive here in time for Viatkin's Jan. 8 execution date. The date was changed to Jan. 20. The Court of Appeal last week refused to interfere with a jury verdict that Viatkin murdered Joseph Hyland in an east end cafe last June 14 by clubbing him over the head with a whisky bottle.

Aldermen Endorse Motion Protesting RCMP Pay Hike

City council last night endorsed a motion of protest against proposed increased charges to the municipality by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, one alderman calling it "a sly and slippery method" to put RCMP costs onto the municipalities. RCMP have requested that the city's share of police costs be raised from \$1,400 to \$2,000 per man. It has also proposed an increase of manpower on the city detachment from 14 to 18. Subject was introduced to the meeting by a letter from Trail asking this council to endorse a similar protest of its own. Alderman George Casey said: "I take this action of the RCMP as a sly and slippery method of heaving a greater burden of cost on the municipalities. 'The government first offered us policing at greatly reduced costs. Now they want more. 'Meanwhile the RCMP is concentrating its efforts in cracking down on small amusements in the city. The Gestapo never exercised more authority than the RCMP.'" Council was unanimous in its endorsement of the protest.

50,000 Cigaretts Stolen In Overnight Raid Here

Police Warn Stores Against Robberies

Fifty-thousand cigarettes and \$9 in cash were stolen overnight by thieves who raided two separate city businesses. The cigarettes are missing from Kelly, Douglas & Co. Ltd., First Avenue West, and the money was taken when drawers of a cash register were cleaned out at Philpott, Evitt Co. Ltd., 900 Second Avenue West.

Herring Price Offer Rejected

VANCOUVER (CP)—An operators' ultimatum that their "final" price offer be accepted or there will be no herring fishing in British Columbia this year was rejected Monday night by the fishermen's union. The United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, in rejecting the offer only a few hours after it was put forward, announced it will continue to press for arbitration in the dispute.

B.C. To Try Holdup Suspect

VICTORIA (CP)—Attorney-General Robert Bonner said today Henry Seguin will be tried in British Columbia courts on an attempted murder charge before being returned to Ontario, where he faces a charge of murder.

Marine Shot After Setting Bomb in Tavern

NEW YORK (CP)—Three young servicemen—one of whom police said wanted to "show these spies something"—discharged a phosphorus bomb in a crowded tavern early today. The action touched off events which brought death to one of them and injuries to 14 others. Thirteen of the injured were in the tavern. A few minutes later, and eight blocks away, police shot and fatally wounded one of the servicemen, identified as Marine Sgt. James Eugene McDermott, 19.

UN Agency Buys Barley

Bill Boss, Canadian Press correspondent in Korea said in a dispatch from Seoul today that Canadian barley will be used as a food supplement to help overcome the rice shortage in Korea. He said he had learned the United Nations Korea Reconstruction Agency has purchased about \$2,500,000 worth of Canadian barley to reach Korea in about six weeks time. Altogether three shipments, or about 1,500,000 bushels of Canadian grain, are covered in the deal, said Boss.

The WEATHERMAN Says

Synopsis
An active Pacific storm lies across the northern B.C. coast. Gales over 50 miles per hour are reported in exposed waters.
Forecast
North Coast Region: Gale warning continued. Rain today and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds south-east 40 in exposed areas. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 38 and 45.



COOPER WILLIAMS of Kitwancool ... builds church from description

Santa Taking Cheer To Hospital Patients

By LARRY STANWOOD
Five miles past the city limits of Prince Rupert and a few hundred yards off the highway sprawls a cluster of buildings where dwells a colony of two distinct types of people—those trying to get well, and those trying as hard, or harder, to help them. This place is Miller Bay Indian Hospital, where 170-odd patients are waiting and resting while taking the "cure" for tuberculosis. All year round they also wait for something else: Christmas. For most of these patients, ranging in ages from 1 to 60, this day is more important than any other—except the day they leave the hospital cured—two, three, maybe six years after they enter. Christmas has been made an especially happy occasion for them by the annual visit of a group of young city men, the Kinsmen Club, with Santa Claus and gifts for all. Tonight, the Kinsmen, with Santa, will visit Miller Bay again, on the same mission which has brought fun, laughter and cheers for several years. But to fulfill all their expectations, another Santa Claus bounces in Christmas morning with individual gifts and messages for everyone. Santa in his red and white parka, with his long, flowing beard, his merry laughter and cheerful words, is the climax to what they have been waiting for. In preparation for this big day, all wards have undergone a remarkable change. Christmas bells and decorations in a variety of color—all of them made by the patients themselves—adorn the various rooms. Where the patients are too small to do their own decorating, staff nurses take over. More than half of the patients are in their teens, but several wards are filled with youngsters from ages 1 to 6.

Started Painting Last Spring

Some 50 patients are in the 15-18 age group, about a two-third majority being girls. There is pretty Ivy Hall of Kitimat who excels in drawing and painting, and 47-year-old Cooper Williams of Kitwancool, who also has developed a new love in painting and handiwork while taking the "cure." Young Williams started oil painting in Miller Bay last spring under tutelage of Mrs. John Stirm, wife of former Civic Centre secretary-manager here. Since then he has completed several oils, one in particular is an outstanding copy from a small print of a picture of Christ. His most recent accomplishment is a scale model of the huge church at Greenville, which he has never seen. "I built it for my friend. His home is in Greenville and his church is the biggest in the north," said Williams quietly. It was constructed according to verbal description, complete with foyer, mural windows and a bell in the tower which kept up a tolling movement by means of a contrivance of string and weights. Other outstanding craftsmen among the patients are headed by Eli Bell and Arthur Adams, both formerly fishermen of Masset. Bell is a true artist in wood carving, and displayed with pride a full scale model of a typical west coast seine boat, complete with brail and net table. Other items included several delicately carved Thunderbird totem poles in traditional color.

Patients May Leave Beds Soon

Bell has taken the cure since 1946. He has a good chance of getting out soon. And so has Adams, who has been almost continuously hospitalized for the last 10 years, entering Coqualeetza Hospital at Sardis in 1942, then transferred here. Adams is highly skilled in leathercraft and produces with remarkable speed and great talent items ranging from belts to wallets and intricately carved ladies' handbags. When he leaves the hospital, Adams hopes to set up a regular hand-manufacturing business in this line. But of all who await this time of year and the climax of Christmas, Mrs. Marjorie Rathbone's youngsters are the most enthusiastic. Mrs. Rathbone is the teacher—regular school classes are held in the hospital each day—and her students range from grade 1 to 8. There is Beatrice Green of Port Simpson, she's in Grade 3; Donald Prince, in Grade 2, from Fort St. James, to name but a few. Such as these will be particularly affected and impressed by the Kinsmen Club's visit tonight and the whirlwind tour of Santa Christmas morning. Not a single gift parcel will be opened until he comes! Not only does this event bring much joy and laughter to a group of often lonely kids, but gives them a lift on the road to recovery.

Gale Batters 3 Fishboats Onto Rocks

Three fishing boats—two gillnetters and a small seiner—with a combined value of about \$20,000—broke loose from their moorings at Cow Bay last night and were washed upon the rocks across the harbor by a gale-swept sea. The vessels are the Norma W., owned by Mrs. Annie Wells, Port Simpson; Annie Louise, owned by Robert Smith, Port Simpson, and the VR 2, owned by Fred Dowdard, Sr., Port Simpson. Armour Salvage & Towing Co. Ltd. will try to refloat the vessels at high tide. Damage has not been estimated.

Greek Plane Crash Kills 13

SEOUL (CP)—The U.S. Air Force announced last night that two planes, one a Greek twin-engine transport, collided on the ground, killing 13 persons at an air base in western Korea. The twin-engine C-47 was an Air Force plane piloted by a Royal Hellenic Greek Air Force crew. There was one survivor, a crew member of the C-47.