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INTERNATIONAL WEDDING—Pte. Raymond Lapointe of Ottawa, member of the Canadian Special Force advance party, married Swedish nurse, Lt. Gullu Gunnarson of Gothenburg, on Christmas Eve. A few days later the bridegroom returned to Fort Lewis, Wash., with the rest of the advance party. Mrs. Lapointe will stay with the Swedish Red Cross unit in Korea until Feb. 4. She will then return to her home until arrangements can be made for her to come to Canada. This Army photo shows the happy couple just before Lapointe's departure. (CP PHOTO)

Warmer Weather In England Promises Epidemic Relief

LONDON (CP)—A lull since the week-end gave hope today that warmer weather has helped stem one of the worst 'flu epidemics in the history of the British Isles. There were also no new cases reported in an outbreak of smallpox in the Brighton area where 28 have fallen ill and eight have died.

New Building Being Banned

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The government clamped down tight today on construction of new commercial buildings in the United States, prohibiting the starting of virtually all such new projects until February 15.

After the freeze period, each private new commercial building project must be submitted to nation production authority for approval.

The ban is necessary to save materials for mobilization, the N.P.A. said.

Work already under way is not affected. Certain wholesale supply facilities, small jobs and repairs are exempted too.

WEATHER

(Synopsis)

Active storms continue to batter the coast. For the second consecutive morning strong winds are developing over coast waters. Southeast gales are quite general as a disturbance near Vancouver Island. With the storm moving inland about noon, the winds are expected to shift to strong westerlies in all regions.

Snow is falling at most coastal points although in the extreme south it has turned to rain. This snow will spread into the interior during the day as the storm moves inland. Showers will fall over the coast during the afternoon behind the system but snow flurries are forecast overnight as colder air from the north returns to the coast.

The trend of very unsettled weather seems destined to continue as already another storm is forming in mid-Pacific. The next storm should be nearing the British Columbia coast by Wednesday evening and will be accompanied by more strong winds.

Gale Warning

North coast region—Gale warning in effect.

Wet snow or rain, becoming cloudy with showers of wet snow or rain late this afternoon. Cloudy with snow flurries tonight and tomorrow. Cold. Winds — easterly, 35 m.p.h., shifting to westerly, 35, by noon and decreasing to light overnight. Winds becoming southeasterly, 25 m.p.h., tomorrow afternoon. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Fort Hardy, 28 and 38; Sandspit, 25 and 34; Prince Rupert, 28 and 35.

\$75,000 Storm Damage In Victoria

TRAGEDY OF TUNDRA—

Four Persons Frozen To Death After Crash Of Plane In North

CORDOVA, Alaska (CP)—Four persons were found frozen to death yesterday in the cabin of a Cordova Air Service transport which crash-landed on Copper River flats 32 miles northeast of here. A rescue party, which was flown to the scene, found the bodies.

Second Div. Quits Wonju

By WILLIAM BARNARD
WITH U.S. SECOND DIVISION, Korea (AP)—Elements of the American Second Division have pulled back from the sector of Wonju on the central Korean front.

Units of the division had advanced 100 yards closer to the vital communications hub from the south against a determined Communist Korean counter-attack.

Wonju was taken by the Reds last Monday after a bitter rearguard action by UN forces.

The situation in the mountain corridor south of Wonju is reported confused.

The pulling out of the Wonju wedge came after the Allied forces had held off massed North Korean attacks for sixteen days. Artillery barrages and punishing air strikes covered the withdrawal to a new defence line.

IN AND OUT

An Allied combat team, led by tanks, drove into the Communist held town of Suwon, seventeen air miles south of Seoul today, and then withdrew after dark to defensive positions. This had been the largest objective crack-attack by the Eighth Army's reconnaissance in force in the western sector of the Korean front.

The Allied force routed about 100 Red troops in Suwon. The bulk of the Communist garrison had fled Monday under fierce Allied bombing and strafing attacks. Hundreds of Reds were machine-gunned on a road running north of Seoul.

The Allied western drive began Monday south of Seoul.

Mayor Gives Back Salary

Fred Hume Sells Westminster Team and Will Support Vancouver's Canucks

VANCOUVER. — Mayor Fred Hume announced today that he was not accepting his salary of \$7500 as mayor but would give it back to the city to be used where it was most needed. The mayor said he was, serving as mayor because he wanted to and not because he needed the money. His electrical firm of Hume & Rumble would pay his salary. Mr. Hume also announced he was selling his half-interest in the New Westminster Royals hockey team and in future would support the Vancouver Canucks.

ATOM BOMBERS SENT TO BRITAIN

Deteriorating World Situation Is Reason

LONDON (CP)—The first group of the world's biggest bombers—10-engined B-36's—ever to fly to Europe landed at Lakenheath Airport today after a secret flight from bases in Texas.

The planes are capable of carrying the atom bomb more than 10,000 miles. The six air giants arrived from Carswell Air Force base at Fort Worth, Texas. While the planes are scheduled to return to Texas in a few days, there have been persistent rumors that the B-36's will be stationed in England because of the deteriorating world situation.

TIDES

Wednesday, January 17, 1951

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| High | 8:57 | 18.1 feet |
| | 22:23 | 14.9 feet |
| Low | 2:20 | 10.5 feet |
| | 16:03 | 7.3 feet |

BIGGEST SNOW OF WINTER ARRIVES IN VANCOUVER

BULLETINS

NEW WESTERN NOTE

LONDON—Western Powers are sending a new note this week to Moscow on the subject of a possible Four Power conference. It will agree with Russia that Germany is the principal problem but will still propose a wide range of other subjects.

FRENCH RADIO STATIONS

OTTAWA—The Board of Governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation today approved licences for French-speaking radio broadcasting stations in Saskatoon and Gravelbourg.

SIOUX DUE FEBRUARY 4

ESQUIMALT—H.M.C.S. Sioux is due back in Esquimalt February 4 from Korean waters, being now on her way home after being relieved by the Nootka. The Cayuga and Athabaskan will be returning in the spring.

Canadians Are Living Longer

OTTAWA — Improvements in health services in the past half century have increased the life expectancy of Canadians by 20 years, the Federal Health Department said today in its annual report.

New Powers for Fish Commission

African Crime Is Running High

JOHANNESBURG — Lawlessness among certain sections of the natives employed in the Rand mining townships has assumed "alarming proportions," said Mr. Justice C. A. Malan recently when he sentenced a young African to death for attacking a 57-year-old white housewife.

His Lordship said there had been 14 cases of rape by natives against white women and children in the past year. Police Chief U. R. Boberg testified that "murder and sexual crimes are on the increase and the nature of the crimes is becoming more and more appalling."

The problem has increased since large numbers of natives moved into the towns and townships of the big Rand mining area in search of employment. The man sentenced by Mr. Justice Malan was the fourth native to be given the death penalty for offences against white women in the past eight months.

Rape has always been one of the most serious crimes to the tribal African, as well as to the white man. The reason, so far as the natives are concerned, is economic, as well as social and moral. Some native women still are sold as brides, and the laws of many tribes call for the supreme penalty in cases of violation of women.

Courts therefore regard seriously offences by whites against natives when such cases come to trial. A 42-year-old white man convicted of outraging an African girl recently was sentenced to 3½ years in prison, to be followed by deportation to his own country, the United States.

Three Months, Shop Lifting

Harry Innis was sentenced yesterday afternoon in magistrate's court to three months' imprisonment on a charge of theft. The charge arose from an incident December 23 when E. D. Manson caught Innis with a diamond ring and a set of earrings for which he had not paid in his pocket.

Unique Elevator On Prairie Farm

MOOSE JAW, Sask. — No railroad tracks lead to George Cooper's grain elevator. The nearest railway is five miles away.

There is no identification sign on the elevator; and no store, either, though the elevator is within a stone's throw of several farm houses, a church and a school in the Davey community, 12 miles northwest of here.

No grain company has a sign on the elevator because farmer Cooper owns it. It was built by his father, I. W. Cooper, who died in 1939. The idea was to save a lot of hand-shovelling in and out of storage bins.

The building is about half the size of a grain company country elevator. It holds about 14,000 bushels.

Mr. Cooper says his father ran a commercial elevator before he turned farmer, and he thinks sentiment had something to do with construction of the private elevator on the farm.

But he says he considers it the best building on the property.

VANCOUVER (CP)—A hurricane which raked the sea lanes and coastal terrain of the lower British Columbia coast and Vancouver Island yesterday with the greatest fury unleashed in 17 years wound up today in the heaviest snowfall Vancouver has had this winter. There was ten inches of snow in upper areas and city crews were busy clearing the snow and sanding the streets to keep traffic moving.

The city of Victoria was smack in the centre of yesterday's storm although the wind hit from southern Oregon to far up the coast of Vancouver Island.

A fisherman was drowned in Oregon but there were no storm deaths in British Columbia.

For three hours in Victoria the wind howled southwestward at more than 70 miles an hour—guests of 74 were the maximum—in a tree-snapping, chimney-toppling spree.

The weather office said that these speeds, like 64-miles-an-hour gusts in Vancouver, were the highest recorded here since the winter of 1934.

Damage estimates were beginning to trickle in today from the storm-pounded areas. The groggy British Columbia capital of Victoria tentatively set its damage figure at \$75,000 and likely it will go higher.

Residents were knocked to the streets. About 30 were injured in this manner in Victoria.

The winds were followed by snow. Cumberland had 30 inches while Courtenay recorded 26 inches. Two feet fell at Comox.

The storm swept on to the mainland today with Vancouver getting its heaviest snowfall of the winter.

Hanoi Battle Is Looming Up

HANOI—A major battle for this important Indo-China city appears imminent as Vietnam communist forces poised for attack. Some 35 to 40 battalions have started to come out for battle.

While outnumbered the French forces have superiority in mechanized equipment and air power.

Today, it was announced, French troops halted a new attack by 30,000 Communist-led Vietnamese Nationalist troops aimed at Hanoi which is the capital of North Indo-China.

A French Army communiqué said that the Moscow-trained Vietnamese leader, Ho Chi Minh, had thrown ten thousand new troops into the all-out assault to seize Hanoi.

Two French mobile task forces have contained the Vietnamese drive extending on a twelve-mile front about thirty miles northwest of Hanoi.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

| VANCOUVER | | TORONTO | |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------|--------|
| American Standard | 28 | Athlona | 09 |
| Bralorne | 7.25 | Aumaque | 28 |
| B R X | 04 | Beattie | 74 |
| Cariboo Quartz | 1.40 | Bevcourt | 50 |
| Hedley Mascot | 54 | Bobjo | 14 |
| Pend Oreille | 9.00 | Consol. Smelters | 131.00 |
| Pioneer | 2.50 | Conwest | 2.00 |
| Premier Border | 09 | Donalda | 62 |
| Privateer | 7½ | Eldona | 26 |
| Reeves McDonald | 4.90 | East Sullivan | 8.25 |
| Reno | 07 | Glant Yellowknife | 7.75 |
| Sheep Creek | 1.40 | Hardrock | 31 |
| Silbak Premier | 31 | Harricana | 12½ |
| Taku River | 05 | Hosco | 06 |
| Vananda | 11 | Joliet Quebec | 85 |
| Salmon Gold | 03 | Lapaska | 4½ |
| Spud Valley | 04 | Little Long Lac | 58 |
| Silver Standard | 2.56 | Madsen Red Lake | 2.74 |
| Western Uranium | 1.53 | McKenzie Red Lake | 50 |
| Oils | | McLeod Cockshutt | 2.78 |
| Anglo Canadian | 5.70 | Moneta | 42 |
| A P Con | 38 | Negus | 1.33 |
| Atlantic | 2.55 | Noranda | 76.75 |
| Calmont | 91 | Louvicourt | 24 |
| C & E | 10.00 | Pickle Crow | 1.90 |
| Central Leduc | 2.40 | Regcourt | 05 |
| Home Oil | 15.85 | San Antonio | 3.15 |
| Mercury | 13½ | Senator Rouyn | 25½ |
| Okalta | 2.28 | Steep Rock | 8.17 |
| Pacific Pete | 8.50 | Silver Miller | 1.02 |
| Princess | 1.70 | Upper Canada | 2.30 |
| Royal Canadian | 10 | | |