

ALUMINUM MAY BOOM PRINCE RUPERT



WHERE FIVE DIED—London, Ont., firemen are unable to use more than a trickle of water in fighting fire in a bedroom where five children were burned to death. A frozen hydrant forced firemen and civilians to establish a bucket line to keep an auxiliary tank full. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bezeau, parents of the five dead children who ranged from 2 to 12, are in hospital, as are three other daughters. An oil heater explosion splashed blazing oil through the four-room house. (CP PHOTO)

Korea Was News Tops

Canadian Editors Decide Outstanding Events of Year 1950
TORONTO — The war in Korea was the overshadowing event in the world news picture of 1950.
Telegraph editors of Canadian daily newspapers, voting in a Canadian Press poll, were unanimous in naming the invasion of South Korea and related events as the year's top news.
Other world yarns rated near the top were the assassination attempt on President Truman November 1, the British election of last February in which the Attlee government barely retained power, announcement of the United States decision to develop the hydrogen super-bomb, the Attlee-Truman meeting of a month ago and events centering around the Holy Year ceremonies including the crash of a plane, the Canadian film with more than fifty persons aboard.
The Manitoba floods, which beleaguered Winnipeg last May, were the unquestioned tops in Canadian domestic news with the railway strike in August in second place.

BIG ISLAND
Sicily, the big island at the toe of the Italian boot, has an area of 10,000 square miles.

Rail Wage Scale Under Revision

MONTREAL — Canada's 125,000 non-operating railwaymen who won concessions in wage and hour benefits in the recent Kellogg report will begin harvesting their gains by the end of the month, it was learned today.
Railway officials working on the pay adjustments won by the men when the government-appointed arbitrator, Mr. Justice R. L. Kellogg, awarded them a seven-cent an hour wage increase, retroactive to September 1, 1950.
Railway and union spokesmen will meet here Monday to work out plans for the 40-hour five-day week that goes into effect June 1, 1951.

New Zealand Life Impresses Canucks

WELLINGTON, N.Z. — Senator Arthur Roebuck, leader of the Canadian delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference, listed some of the things in New Zealand which had impressed delegates when speaking at a state luncheon to members of the association in Wellington.
At the top of the list, he said, he put the high calibre of the dominion's public men.
Then the visitors had been greatly impressed with the harmonious relations between Maori and European. If any such relations could be established throughout the world, mankind would be much happier.
Senator Roebuck said he was amazed at the marvelous growth in New Zealand. He had seen a pine tree native to California which had grown to 17 inches in diameter in 15 years. It would take 40 years to grow such a tree in Canada.
Even more wonderful was the pasture growth. He knew of no country more responsible or rewarding to human endeavor than New Zealand.

Flash

APPOINTED TO CBC
OTTAWA — Appointment is announced of Mrs. E. S. Farr of Victoria as a member of the board of governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in succession to Mrs. Mary Sutherland of Parksville who resigned to become manager of a Nanaimo radio station.
VANCOUVER GALE
VANCOUVER — High wind lashed Vancouver again last night, reaching the peak just before midnight. A 50-foot tree was blown down in the 1200 block on Burrard Street.
BLIZZARD IN CALGARY
CALGARY — The mild spell ended for Calgary and winter came in earnest last night. A blizzard caused heavy drifting of snow. The wind blew 27 miles per hour and it was three below.

Kitimaat May Be Third Metropolis

Government and Business Leaders Enthuse Over Vast New Project Near This City
VICTORIA (CP)—The western world's growing need for aluminum will hew a city, destined to be a new British Columbia metropolis, from a wilderness stronghold. From a giant smelter to be constructed at that city of the future, the present hamlet of Kitimaat, will ultimately flow possibly 300,000 tons of aluminum ingots per year.
Government and business leaders say these developments and many others will come of the agreement just signed between the British Columbia government and the Aluminum Co. of Canada, a pact which will lead to a \$500,000,000 development.
The agreement is subject to ratification by the provincial government. It gives the company water rights in Tweedsmuir Park.
It covers water rights in the Tahtsa-Kemano watersheds of Tweedsmuir Park where the company proposes to develop a 500,000 h.p. power plant on the Kemano River as the first stage of a \$1,500,000 horsepower development.
Construction of the power plant would follow the building of a dam in the grand canyon of the Nechako River about 160 miles from the coast. This would back up the waters in the Tahtsa-Kemano watersheds to permit of hydro developments.
The power site is about fifty miles from Kitimaat which is estimated to become an aluminum boom town of perhaps 50,000 population. Vancouver and Victoria are the only British Columbia cities with populations exceeding 50,000.
Government sources had said earlier that it would probably take five years for the proposed smelter at Kitimaat to reach full production.
Purpose of the plant will be to process bauxite aluminum ore but, because aluminum is vital defence material, this period may be slashed.
No serious opposition is expected when the subject is discussed in the legislature.
Ore would be taken by ship to Kitimaat.
Observers say the project may mean a boom too for the port of Prince Rupert near Kitimaat.
Minister of Lands E. T. Kennedy, in announcing the agreement yesterday, said: "It is the biggest thing we have ever seen. I doubt if there has ever been a larger contract before in Canada."

U.S. Passes Arms Bill

Dying Congress Approves Multi-Billions For Preparedness
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The old 81st Congress passed into history yesterday after voting a new \$20,000,000,000 outlay in defence funds and approving \$3,100,000,000 for the home front. The preparedness bill is now ready for President Truman's signature.
Carrying on where the 81st Congress wound up its stormy two-year life span, the new 82nd Congress, with potent Republican gains in Senate and House, will convene tomorrow.
The White House announced that President Truman will deliver his annual "State of the Union" message in person to a joint session of the new Congress at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time next Monday.

Nationalization Biggest Swindle

LONDON — A call to leaders of private industry in Britain for all-out fight against nationalization has been issued by L. D. Gammans, Conservative Member of Parliament for Hornsey.
Addressing the fall conference of the Institute of Directors, Mr. Gammans charged that nationalization was the biggest swindle foisted on the British public since the South Sea Bubble.
The trouble, he said, was that private enterprise, with a few exceptions, had tended to let the fight go by default. If industrialists were asked for information to be brought out in a debate on the subject, the reply was: "Oh, no. Don't ask me. Try someone else."
Mr. Gammans suggested that too many industries were enjoying controls and fixed prices with enormous advantages to those who happened to be in that industry back in 1939.
"Drop this ridiculous pretence that industry has no interest in politics," he urged. "Stop any attempts at feather-bedding. We who represent the people in Parliament have the rifles, but industry must have the courage to give us the bullets."
MICKLEHAM, Surrey, England — Juniper Hill, an estate once owned by a Canadian prime minister, is up for sale. Sir John Leigh, British cotton millionaire, paid £40,000 (\$120,000 at present exchange rate) for it. He bought it after the death three years ago of Viscount Bennett, one-time Conservative prime minister of Canada. The house has 16 bedrooms.

Final Battle For Seoul Is On Today

Situation Is Admitted Serious By Officials

Pathetic Evacuation Proceeds as Fall of South Korean Capital Imminent

SEOUL (CP)—Battle for Seoul began today as Chinese assault troops stormed the makeshift United Nations defence line north of the anxious and nearly-deserted South Korean capital at 4:30 a.m. The heaviest Communist attacks slammed into a veteran United States position some ten miles northeast of Seoul. A secondary assault cracked into positions eight miles northwest of Seoul. Troops at this point gave some ground initially but tenaciously broke up the Chinese attack. Then this unit counter-attacked, regaining its original positions and capturing some additional ground.

Slot Machines Are Ruled Out

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A bill aiming a blow at big time crime by prohibiting shipment of slot machines across state lines was signed into law today by President Truman.
The only exception is where states pass laws specifically exempting themselves from the interstate ban.
The legislation is designed to hit organized gambling in the pocket book.
The situation is officially considered serious and fall of Seoul is admitted imminent.
The Chinese attackers are already in frozen and hard-to-defend flatlands.
Civilians have been ordered out of Seoul by the Ministry of the Interior today.
President Syngman Rhee and his government left this morning.
Silent, seemingly-empty buildings in Seoul suddenly disgorged tens of thousands of last-minute refugees today. A pathetic mass-migration of long refugee columns moved out of the city and across the frozen Han River. It was a heart-touching backdrop to long convoys of military vehicles.

Canada's Speaker Gets Sport Title

LONDON, — Ross Macdonald, speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, has been elected patron of the London Caledonian Games Association. The organization is affiliated with several hundred Scottish societies scattered throughout the British Commonwealth.
The honor was bestowed as a prelude to the Association's sports meet to be held in conjunction with the Festival of Britain next May at London's White City Stadium. Among other patrons are the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, the Earl of Rosebery and Lord Burghley, winner of the 400-metre Olympic hurdles title in 1928.
Founder of the Games, Councillor John Hannay of Chelsea, said the association was highly honored by Mr. Macdonald's acceptance.
"It is hoped," he said, "that many Scottish societies in Canada will become affiliated with us. What is more, we are looking forward to the time when Canadian athletes and pipe bands will be competing at our games."

PUTTING IN NEW NEWS EQUIPMENT

L. E. Waigren arrived in the city on the Prince George this morning from San Francisco for the purpose of installing new Ludlow Typograph equipment which is being added to the Daily News composing room for the improvement of its efficiency and equipment under this newspaper's expansion and modernization program.
The equipment arrived a few days ago from the United States and Mr. Waigren started immediately after arrival on putting it up. He will be here for the next week or ten days.

Bernard Allen, British Columbia manager of Canadian National Railways, arrived in the city on the Prince George this morning from Vancouver, being here on one of his periodical visits of inspection.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
The storm which brought northwest gales of fifty miles per hour to the southern British Columbia coast was moving rapidly eastward across the prairie provinces where it was causing near blizzard conditions early this morning.
Skies cleared along the entire coast and throughout the northern and central interior overnight although snow was still falling early this morning in the Kootenays.
Another storm is expected to reach the Queen Charlottes during the afternoon, accompanied by rain and gale winds. However, this storm should not be nearly as active as the previous one and will only give increased cloudiness and rain over the southern coast tonight with more snow in the interior tomorrow.
Little change in temperature is looked for along the coast although some sections of the interior will be considerably colder.

Forecast

North coast region — Cloudy today with rain, occasionally mixed with snow this afternoon. Variable cloudiness overnight. Sunny tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds—light, increasing to southeast (35) by late morning, shifting to westerly (40) during the afternoon and decreasing to westerly (15) tonight. Lows tonight and high tomorrow—At Port Hardy, 32 and 40; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 30 and 38.

Pole Output At Kispiox Is High

KISPIX — Pole output in this valley is likely to reach an all-time high if the present mild weather continues. Operators and crews at the Johnson & Weget, the Roy Wilson and Steve Morrison camps are now returning to work after a good holiday week during which another \$200 was contributed toward completion of the United Church building here.

Coal Prices Are Going Up

Coal prices at Alberta pitheads have advanced 50c per ton but Prince Rupert coal dealers will give their customers the advantage of locally remaining stocks before increasing the prices here next Monday. The local consumers will thus be able to stock up on quite substantial quantities of coal which now remain in the bunkers as a result of the so far mild winter.
The advance here will be on lump and egg coal, the dealers absorbing the higher prices on nut and stoker coal.
The price of Telkwa coal will remain unchanged.
The new coal price advance follows pay raises recently given miners. Increased freight rates may result in another advance.

FRIENDLY CRUISE

NEW DELHI — The Indian destroyer Rajput is due at Port Darwin in January to remain in Australian waters until Feb. 20. It will take part in the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of the Australian Commonwealth.

CLASSICS PREFERRED

BRISTOL, England — Prisoners at Horfield prison here are showing a marked preference for the classics. The most popular books in the jail library are the works of Shakespeare and Byron.

Feldspar Found In Saskatchewan

REGINA — The Department of Natural Resources says analysis of Saskatchewan's first major find of feldspar has shown it to be top quality for use in the manufacture of pottery or glass.
The samples were found early this summer by Dr. J. B. Mawdsley of the University of Saskatchewan during radioactive investigation in the Nunn Lake area, 40 miles east of Lac La Ronge village in northern Saskatchewan.
The feldspar deposit was in a flat-lying dyke about four feet thick, with about 5000 tons exposed at the outcrop. A. J. Williams of the provincial resources department said the flat outcrop would make for easy quarrying. However, the same type of feldspar was produced in South Dakota and markets for the Saskatchewan output would be local and possibly slow to develop.

Controls Off—

U.S. Imports All Freed

OTTAWA — Canada yesterday started off a new business year free of emergency import controls for the first time since 1947.
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Attlee Urges Miners To More Production As Crisis Looms

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Attlee urged Britain's coal miners today to meet the looming fuel crisis by producing 3,000,000 extra tons in the next four months.
Union leaders of the 688,000 diggers "in the state-owned pits promised their "enthusiastic support."

The exchange of views took place at a nine-minute emergency meeting. The huddle was prompted by a long spell of freezing, snowy weather which cut fuel reserves to the danger point.
At Liverpool, where one-fifth of the 800,000 population was away from work with influenza, industry was seriously affected and homes were running short of coal. The same situation existed to a lesser degree in other northern centres.
Coal stocks above ground at the end of December were estimated at 13,000,000 tons—2½ weeks' supply. This is far below the 16,357 tons available at the end of 1947, also a bad year.
At that time factories were forced to lay off nearly 3,000,000 workers for lack of fuel, and there was widespread suffering in heatless homes.

TODAY'S STOCKS:
(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER		TORONTO	
American Standard	29	Athlona	.07 3/4
Bralorne	6.00	Aumaque	.23
B. R. X.	.03 3/4	Beattie	.53
Cariboo Quartz	1.00	Bevcourt	.43
Congress	.08	Bobjo	.13
Hedley Mascot	.48	Buffalo Canadian	.25
Pacific Eastern	.05	Consol. Smelters	12 1/2
Pend Oreille	8.80	Conwest	1.90
Pioneer	2.00	Donalds	.46 1/2
Premier Border	.07	Eldona	.23
Privateer	.06	East Sullivan	7.55
Reeves McDonald	4.40	Giant Yellowknife	6.00
Reno	.02	God's Lake	.41
Sheep Creek	1.25	Hardrock	.21
Silbak Premier	.27 1/2	Harciana	.06 1/2
Vananda	.10	Heva	.07 1/4
Salmon Gold	.02	Joliet Quebec	.36
Spud Valley	.03	Little Long Lac	.55
Silver Standard	2.65	Lynx	.12 1/2
Western Uranium	1.33	Madson Red Lake	2.10
		McKenzie Red Lake	.42
		McLeod Cockshutt	2.00
		Moneta	.35
		Negus	.75
		Noranda	71.00
		Louvicourt	.18
		Pickle Crow	1.57
		Regcourt	.04 1/2
		Sheritt Gordon	3.15
		Sheep Rock	7.95
		Silver Miller	.83
		Upper Canada	1.75
		Golden Manitou	6.05

HOKEY SCORES
Maine-Okanagan
Kelowna 1, Vernon 2.
Nanaimo 0, Kerrisdale 3.
Western International
Trail 5, Spokane 2.