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TAXI

DAY and NIGHT SERVICE Bill and Ken Nesbitt

Old Country Gets C.P.R. Contracts STEEL CONTROL

et There Be Light"-ACTIVE INTEREST YET SPIRIT OF ATIENT FORBEAR ANCE IS URGED

H. G. Perry Breaks Away From Speaking "Retrat" to Address Inspiringly Local Club

At a time when the whole world is "looking for icht." it is proper that here in Prince Rupert the Chambers of Commerce, the city council, the indusdevelopment committee, the service clubs and like organizations should be trying to get what enlightenment they can as to the future from such re-

SEES "LIGHT"-H. G. Perry,

bright speaker at Gyro Club

luncheon during visit to city.

A report of a "brilliant ex-

plosion" on Cape Fox at the

lower part of the Alaska Pan-

handle, was received in the

city last night, but local

sources were unable to give an

explanation for the incident

According to the report, A.

Brentzen of Port Simpson saw

what appeared to be a "bril-

liant explosion" on the United

States side of Cape Fox at 7:25

last night. The brilliance lit

up the whole cape and lasted

about two minutes, according

to Brentzen, who telephoned

the story to the Digby Island

An operator at Digby Island

passed the story on to city

police in Prince Rupert, who

told the American authorities.

some sort of drifting war ex-

plosive might have gone off

INCREASE BEER TAX

Church of Canada would in-

crease the excise tax on beer,

thus adding \$200,000,000 an-

nually to federal revenue.

TORONTO - The United

It was thought possible that

meteorological station.

when striking land.

"Bright Explosion"

Lights North Sky

sponsible authorities as the govemments and the railway comnamies on matters of vital concern. It was indeed, essential, that they band themselves together to seek from those concerned information and leader-"We are much concerned in what is to take place now in industries which, in the pressure of the war effort, absorbed our labor. It is right that we should expect to get some light from he higher authorities as to what future holds for us - the workers and the communitiesin such matters as dry dock operation, port developments, Oritrade, tourist traffic, pulp

railway service." spoke H. G. Perry, eloqent ner of Prince George and e Rupert newspapers and er British Columbia miniseducation, as he emerged a temporary self-imposed at" from public speaking Hil a long-deferred premo address the Prince Rupert Club. The address took e at yesterday's Gyro lunand delighted and inspired club members and guests.

Inspiration From

Wayside Incidents Mr. Perry caught an imptu inspiration from wayide incidents as he travelled Prince George to Prince Rupert—the man who had asked 'light" at the railway stathe boys on the train from overseas who had expressed appreclation for the "light" which ad been given them in a talk reference to their postwar "It gave me the idea." lained, "as I thought about I should speak to you to entitle my talk-'Give Light." From there ena treat of reasoned and oratorical thought so typical of

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rm Down Coast-- I O II O O U I I U

eaviest Snowfall in Decade

s in the history of lower couver Island almost toisolated all east coast is from Duncan to Nano for several hours Weday. The storm started at a Wednesday and raged for fours, piling up snow to a n of seven inches by 6 Driven by a 40-mile gale the northwest, the storm usly curtailed all bus and traffic as highways were ed. Two sailings of the imo - Vancouver steamservice were cancelled. hone and telegraph comcations were disrupted

temperature began to at 6 p.m. and the snow melting rapidly. It was scene today.

eather Forecast

north to northwest winds, ble in repairing it.

Bulletins

GOVERNOR OF BERMUDA LONDON - Admiral Sir Ralph Leeson, formerly in charge of Portsmouth naval base during the war, will succeed Lord Burleigh as governor of Bermuda.

> ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

LONDON - The United Nations Organization Assembly voted unanimously today for the establishment of a special international atomic energy commission.

U. S. RAILWAY TIE-UP NEW YORK-The possibility of a general railway strike in the United States in about three and a half weeks looms with the decision of the Brotherhood of Railway Employees to hold a strike vote. A wage increase is demanded.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER COMING BELFAST — Canada's first aircraft carrier, H.M.C.S. Warrior, was commissioned yesterday. It will have a crew of 1200 efficers and men and will be Canada's biggest naval vessel. Capt. F. L. Houghton will be the commander of the vessel which will be based at Halifax. She will carry fighter and reconnaissance planes.

MANY PERISH IN FIRES OTTAWA -- The Dominion Fire Commission announces that 85 persons perished by fire in Canada since October. An appeal has been made to the people of Canada to be more careful with fire.

CRITICAL OF TASS TOKYO -- General * Douglas MacArthur severely criticizes Tass News Agency of Russia for its criticism of behavior of the American command in Korea. It is part of a Soviet plan to undermine Allied command authority in Korea, a plan designed to create distrust and suspicion.

GOUIN NEW PRESIDENT

PARIS - Felix Gouin was yesterday elected president of France with 497 out of 536 votes. There were 35 votes for Michel Clemenceau, son of the late Georges Clemenceau, the "Tiger of France" and statesman of World War I.

POINTS REDUCED OTTAWA—The minimum of points for discharge from the Canadian Army has been fur-

ing the coming year.

ther reduced by ten to 70.

FINISH REPATRIATION

OTTAWA - Repatriation of Canadian forces from Europe is expected to be finished by the first week in March. There are now 60,000 Canadian soldiers left overseas. There is ample shipping to handle them now.

LABOR LEGISLATION

VICTORIA - Premier John Hart indicates that considerable labor and social legisfation is expected at the forthcoming session of the legislature. There will be a revision of minimum wage scales.

COAL PRODUCTION DOWN VICTORIA-British Columbia coal production in 1945 was down 492,000 tons from 1944, an output of 1,441,000 tons compared with 1,933,000

SNOW IN WASHINGTON SEATTLE - Travel between eastern and western Washington has been largely crippled owing to snow and slides closing the Stevens and Blewett Passes. Snoqualmie Pass may also be closed.

Hotel Vancouver Plans Abandoned

VANCOUVER (-Plans to operate the old Hotel Vancouver as a hostel for veterans are to be abandoned unless some organization offers to operate it. A deadline for an offer was set as Wednesday by the city council Monday and it expired without an offer being made. The city council refused to assume an estimated \$125,000 annual

United States Acting Secretary of State Mentions Prince Rupert and Other Places

Secretary of State, issued a is functioning in Germany. statement Thursday to correct conference comment yesterday which was interpreted in some quarters in Canada as implying bound during the winter.

to the Great Lakes and St. NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION Lawrence River ports, adding he VICTORIA-Hon. G. M. Weir, knows very well that Prince Ruminister of education, says pert, Halifax, Saint John and culty of moving wheat in winter. was shot and left for dead.

A-BOMB TESTS BY U.S. NAVY

WASHINGTON ()-The United States navy raised the curtain today on its plans for testing the atomic bomb against a great armada of fighting ships—an ex periment expected to revolutionize sea warfare.

A guinea-pig fleet of 90 vessels, ranging from carriers to small craft will be the atomic target in the vast operations which will start in May. The fleet will include four old battleships, the Japanese Nagata and the German Prinz Eugen.

The laboratory selected is the anchorage of Bikini Atoll, one of the northernmost islands of the Marshall group which were wrested from Japan by amphi-

bious assault two years ago. The undertaking is not a combined or international operation alone. The question of permitting foreign observers has not been decided.

Prosecutions to Be Launched With Court-Martial of all Enemy Offenders

LONDON (Royal Canadian Authority. Air Force headquarters anin enemy territory during the Three sailings were made. war and it will convene a court-

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Dean section of the Canadian War the United Maritime Authority Acheson, United States Acting Crimes investigation unit now is dissolved.

nounced later.

that Canadian ports are ice- charged but it is known some tember and in subsequent cor-Acheson said he was referring civilians or servicemen after Kinnon assured them that "I landing.

revealed in testimony.

that much activity in new Vancouver are active through- nesses will include survivors who permit." school construction is to be out the winter months. He was saw mishandling of their com- When the service was begun plants of the nation were anexpected in the province dur- speaking at the time of diffi- rades including one airman who on an experiental basis in 1939 nounced to have been issued in

One Vessel Will Be For Nanaimo and Other Two On Vancouver-Victoria - Seattle Triangle Route

VANCOUVER (CP)—The News-Herald, in a special dispatch from Montreal today, said that plans had been completed at head offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Montreal and construction would start almost immediately in British shipyards of three "super-coastal" ships, each to carry two thousand passengers.

One of the ships will be on the Nanaimo-Vancouver run, the story said, and the others on the Vancouver-Victoria-Seattle Triangle service. Each will cost about \$2,500,000.

RUPERT-U.K. SERVICE MAY START WITH ENDING OF WORLD SHIP POOL

Possibility that subsidized steamship sailings between Prince Rupert and the United Kingdom might be resumed this year have taken a hopeful turn with the announcement in Washington that the world shipping pool will come to an end with the dissolution of the United Maritime Authority on March 2.

service resumed last fall a joint ships under managements of in port here this morning. federal Minister of Trade and

In representations to have the*

Commerce James A. MacKinnon that nothing could be done in that regard until Allied shipping was restored to its nationa owners by the United Maritime

The service was begun on an nounced today it is investigat- experimental basis in 1939 but ing crimes committed by enemy was dropped when wartime aliens against Royal Canadian shortages made it impossible to Air Force personnel who landed obtain ships for the service.

The Washington announce-Martial to try the alleged of- ment said that 90,000,000 tons of shipping — 9,499 ships — will The Royal Canadian Air Force be returned to 18 nations when

A delegation consisting o Venue of the court of number Mayor H. M. Daggett, W. M. any misunderstanding of a press of cases to be tried will be an- Watts and James Nicoll presented a brief asking for re-The announcement did not sumption of the service while specify what crimes will be they were in Ottawa last Sepairmen were murdered by enemy respondence Trade Minister Macam ready to give your proposal Details of the attacks will be my most careful consideration the American Federation of Laand to keep it in mind and fol- bor to its workers to return to The statement said that wit- low it up as soon as conditions work on Saturday when the gov-

three sailings were made by error.

citizens' committee was told by the Canadian Transportation - Capt. E. D. Caldwell, master Co., Vancouver. The subsidy on of the ship, presented a \$500 each sailing was \$6,750.

spring when "we should be in lief fund.

at a decision."

tion was 252 vessels.

NEW YORK-Instructions of ernment takes over the packing

porary basis to meet the emergency situation arising from the United States steel strike, Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe announced today. Howe said that the effect of a prolonged United States strike on Canadian industry would be dis-

A meeting of the wartime advisory steel committee has been called for today to work out plans for increased production from Canadian mills and for any control measures which may be considered necessary.

NAZIS KILLED 29,000 HOSTAGES

NUERNBERG (P - France charged today that the Nazis executed at least 29,000 innocent hostages in their occupation of France. The French prosecutor made the accusation before the international military tribunal and attributed prime responsibility to Field Marshal Keitel and former Reichsmarshal Goering. They are two of the 22 leading Nazis on trial as war crim-

C.N.R.'s Gratitude-Presentation

Ceremony Aboard SS Prince Rupert This Morning Sequal to Prince George Disaster

KETCHIKAN-Prominent citizens of this Alaska port attended an interesting ceremony aboard SS Prince Rupert, Canadian National coastal steamer.

cheque to Paul Adams, president. In the light of the shipping American Red Cross. Ketchikan, situation late last year, Mr. Mac- and another cheque for \$250 to Kinnon recommended that the Stanley Adams, fire chief, for the matter be left over until this Ketchikan fire department re-

a much better position to arrive! In brief remarks, Capt. Caldwell explained that the dona-In considering the matter, tions were made by the Cana-City Council last year referred dian National Steamships in the matter to the 1946 Council. recognition of excellent service Total tonnage of the world and co-operation extended in shipping pool was one of the time of great need-when SS most closely guarded secrets of Prince George was destroyed by the war. Of its 90,000,000-ton fire at Ketchikan last Septemtotal, the United States con- ber. On that occasion, he said, tributed 56,798,000 tons - 5,529 the American Red Cross, the fire vessels; Britain 15,500,000 tons - department, coastguard and citi-1,771 vessels; Canada's contribu- zens generally did everything possible to assist the company and ship's personnel. The latter were left only with what they stood up in as a result of the flames. Food, clothing, shelter and other necessities and comforts were generously provided and the fire department, working under difficulties, fought valiantly to save the ship.

> The cheques, said Capt. Caldwell, were not intended to cover the value of services rendered but were presented merely as tangible tokens of the heartfelt appreciation felt by the company and its men of a grand job done by all. In conclusion, Capt. Caldwell tendered the sincere thanks of his company and the Prince George's crew for the generosity and hospitality of "our good friends" in Ketchikan.

ANAIMO O The worst and In Southern Alberta

YOUTHS SHOOTING AT TELEGRAPH CABLES SEVER COMMUNICATIONS

Heavy Damage Done to Port Edward Military Line—Army Threatens Prosecution

Youths armed with .22 rifles have been causing serious damage to the Canadian Army's communica- steps are taken to enforce prosetion system between Prince Rupert and Port Edward by shooting holes in the lead-covered cable and army authorities are seriously considering prosecuting anyone found with guns in that area.

Damage to the line, which has occurred on four occasions, ac- "If we had to pay civilian repair cording to Sgt. Major E. W. H | men it would have cost well over Miller of the 9th Area Signal \$1,000. We are short of army Company, has severed communi- men, which adds to our difficulcations between military centres | ties."

Fair and cold today and men busy during the last two "cause trouble," Sgt. Major Mil- ious if we actually see anyone Maximum

in Prince Rupert and Port Ed- The line also connects the Coast - Moderate to ward, causing considerable trou- Miller Bay Indian hospital with

the city. sing to light tonight and "It has kept a crew of four Disclaiming any desire to

All on Board Are Believed To Have Perished in Crash Near Coleman

CALGARY ((P)-The sevenman crew of an R.C.A.F. Dakota bomber is believed to have perished when the craft struck a mountain Saturday in the Crow's Nest Pass. A wisp

miles from Coleman, Alberta. They found the charred

thing kept up he would see that cution of people found shooting guns in the vicinity of the telephone line:

He pointed out that it would not be necessary to actually see a person shooting at the line to effect a prosecution because the game reserve.

"If we have to we can prosecute under the game regulaweeks," Sgt. Major Miller said. ler, however, said that if the shooting at the line," he said.

of smoke led Forestry Service men to the base of an almost inaccessible mountain ten

wreckage of a plane and three bodies so badly burned that they could not be identified. Three southern B. C. men were included in the crew.

LOCAL MEN ON MAURETANIA

The local Red Cross has been advised of Prince Rupert servmen landing yesterday at Halifax aboard the Mauretania enroute home in the persons of Rifleman J. W. Bond (next-ofprovincial game regulations pro- kin, Mrs. J. W. Bond), Signalman which has been set aside as a Gunner R. H. McDonald (Mrs. L. M. McDonald).

tions.. It will be much more ser- Today's Temperature

Industrial Strife-

For Power

Both Management and Labor Have Too Much, Says President Truman

WASHINGTON, D.C. (P-President Truman said today that much of the current industrial strife is due to a contest for power between management and labor, both of which he said have too much power. He added that the public interest demands settlement of the steel strike on hibit shooting on Kaien Island W. F. Cavalier (D. Cavalier) and the basis of his 181/2c per hour wage increase proposal. He had done everything in his power to prevent it, he said. Truman said he did not intend to seize the steel industry at this time although he did not rule out the

38 future possibility. The President declared it to

necessary for the government to, assert power of the people in preventing strikes against the St. Laurent public interest.

Meanwhile the government went ahead with plans to take S Hopeful over operation of strike-bound meat packing plants Saturday.

OTTAWA-Government control of the Canadian Can Co. plant at Vancouver, who had labor difficulties last summer

CONTROL IS LIFTED

has been lifted. TELEPHONE

DIRECTORY

• APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGES AND NEW LIST-INGS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORY TO BE MADE IN WRITING TO TELEPHONE DEPART-MENT, CITY HALL, NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 31st, 1946.

Confident That None of the United Nations Will Ever Want to Start War

LONDON (P) — Canadian Minister of Justice St. Laurent. chief of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Assembly, said Wednesday he was confident that, if every one of the 51 members of the United Nations Organization strictly observed the charter. "no one will ever again be able to start widespread war.".

Mr. St. Laurent left by air today on his return to Canada. He will not return to London but Minister of Agriculture J. G. Gardiner and Secretary of State Paul Martin will now share the leadership of the Canadian delegation.

MARKET LINE

MODERNO: