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With
many Now

Nations' Claim to be
in London Next Month
to Sign Feb. 14

WORK—The council
of four foreign ministers,
up a major conces-
sion Minister V. M.
of Russia, agreed last
night that a commission
should meet in London
14 to start hearing of
German views on German
treatment.

Four also decided that
the signing of the peace
with Italy, Rumania,
Bulgaria and Finland,
Greece, United States and
will probably be repre-
sented by foreign min-
isters.

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out in Paris as the
signing of the peace
with Italy, Rumania,
Bulgaria and Finland,
Greece, United States and
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sented by foreign min-
isters.

**OLT IS
DOWN**

ent Movement in Vene-
Did Not Last Long

ACAS, Venezuela—
Remula Betancourt
last night that his
put down a twelve-
after insurgents had
or a time of
Maracaibo airport, fifty
of Caracas, and drop-
bomb which narrowly
the presidential palace.
ation was also seized.
agents had, apparently,
to capture Betancourt
cabinet and overthrow
old revolutionary re-

**LAND SALE
AUTHORIZED**

Authorization has been
by the city council to the
transfers of property
passage or a land sale

Block 12, section 1, Er-
Block 33, section 5, Mike
Block 45, section 8, Cecil
Block 11, section 1, A. S.
Block 215, section 1, A. S.
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INGHAM, England—
The broke out at a Not-
house, a water tank
and put out the flames
firemen arrived.

**ME MINISTER WARNS AGAINST MULTIPLICITY
LIBERALISM IS GREAT NEED OF CANADA TODAY**

OTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister W. L. Macken-
ing last night warned Canadians against the
of multiplicity of political parties which he
would tend to "bring down the whole structure
responsible political organization and to weaken
ation itself."

Address prepared for de-
ver a Canadian Broad-
Corporation "free time"
broadcast, Mr. King
much was heard these
about the "old" political
as though tradition and
ance counted for nothing
was needed in Canada was
fusion of political parties
tended to set class against
and province against prov-
perpetuation of parties
served to unite the people
the provinces as one nation,
who were like-minded
and general principles, no
if there might be differ-
ences of opinion on minor
issues, must unite under some
banner and proceed as

the bewilderment of a mul-
titude of political parties lay
and security were the
mental principles of the
party, declared Mr. King

Mayor Perish in Another Fire Tragedy

Southern City Goes Non-Partizan in Annual Civic Election

Senator Gerry McGeer Has Easy Victory For Vancouver's Mayoralty

"Senator" Given Sweeping Majority of 12,000 In Record Vote Yesterday

VANCOUVER (CP)—Senator Gerald Gratton McGeer, 58-year-old fiery veteran of civic, provincial and federal politics, was swept into office as Vancouver's chief magistrate for the second time in ten years last night as a record vote was counted in the civic election.



The election of McGeer, mayor in 1935 and 1936, who, during the campaign, warned racketeers to "get out of town" and promised a fight on the western freight rates question, was conceded less than two hours after the polls closed.

The final count of 51 polls gave McGeer 28,232; Tom Alsbury (CCF), 16,558; Ex-Ald. Halford Wilson (Independent), 11,589. A new record of 59,100 votes were cast almost 15,000 more than the record of 43,638 set when McGeer was first elected mayor in December 1934 in victory over the veteran Louis D. Taylor.

Non-Partizan candidates Sam Cromie, J. D. Cornett, George Miller and Charles Thompson were elected to two-year terms on the city council and Alex Fisher beat out John Bennett for a one year term.

Non-Partizans also dominated in the school and parks boards results.

Arnold Webster, who ran second to R. R. Holland for the Parks Board, was the only successful C.C.F. candidate in the whole election.

In a post-election statement, Alsbury said the C.C.F. would support the new mayor in "every progressive step." The C.C.F., as usual, would start its fight at once for the next campaign.

Halford Wilson commented on the great and healthy interest which had been aroused in civic affairs. He said he would co-operate in every way possible with the new chief magistrate and council but doubted if he would ever again offer himself for public office.

Mayor-Elect McGeer, recovering from a recent operation which prevented him from participating in the latter part of the campaign, was not available for a statement last night.



FOUR LOSE LIVES IN SASKATCHEWAN TRAIN COLLISION—This big 6,000-type C.N.R. locomotive toppled over in collision with a freight engine 60 miles east of Saskatoon, Sask., as the Winnipeg-bound train sped along at 60 m.p.h., claiming the lives of four of the train crew. Photo shows all that is left of the locomotive after the collision.

GALOSH-CLAD PR. RUPERT PEOPLE DIG DEEPEST SNOW IN YEARS; CITY ENGINEER IS BUSIEST MAN IN TOWN

Election day or not, everybody in Prince Rupert donned galoshes or what not and took a turn at digging snow this morning as the heaviest fall the city has experienced in three years continued. The most harassed snow digger of them all was the city engineer who donned ski boots which he has not worn in years and faced the problem of where to start with the limited ploughing equipment at his disposal on a fall of eight inches in little more than twenty-four hours. While residents from all over the city were calling to inform him—as if he was not already fully aware of it—that their streets were blocked, he decided that the downtown streets and the bus lines should get the first attention. Traffic itself was, of course, helping to open some of the other streets but driving was difficult and even dangerous, as witnessed by the skidding and stalling of motor vehicles all about. By mid-morning, the Prince Rupert Highway was pretty well impassable, even within the city limits.

BRINGING BODY FROM KITKATLA

The provincial police boat P.M.L. 15 left port this morning for Kitkatla Inlet, Porcher Island, to bring in the body of an unidentified man found on a lonely beach there last Sunday. The P.M.L. 15 arrived here last night from Cumshewa Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands, bringing to hospital Wilfred Innes, a logger suffering from a back injury received at the Morgan Logging Co. camp earlier this week.

A GREAT DAY FOR MACLEODS

BERNERA, Isle of Harris, Scotland—The bride and bridegroom were Macleods, the two bridesmaids and the best man were Macleods, the two officiating clergymen were Macleods and 26 of the 31 guests were Macleods at the wedding of Allan Macleod of Harris to Miss Julia Macleod of Portlargo, Skye. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow, where there was much conjecture among the guests whether this almost exclusive gathering among the Macleods had created a record. The gathering of so many of one name was not deliberate but accidental.

THE WEATHER

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast today with intermittent rain and snow in southern section and overcast. Occasionally cloudy with snow flurries in northern section. Friday—Overcast, occasionally cloudy with widely scattered snow flurries, northerly winds (15) becoming northwesterly (15) Friday. Little change in temperature Friday. Lows tonight: Port Hardy 27, Massett 25, Prince Rupert 23. Highs Friday: Port Hardy 37, Massett 35, Prince Rupert 32.

Hockey Scores

National League
Canadiens 3, Toronto 2.
Detroit 1, New York 1 (tie).
Chicago 1, Boston 4.

LOGGERS' CHRISTMAS

VANCOUVER—With heavy snow closing some of the camps, loggers are commencing to drift into Vancouver for the Christmas holidays. However, it will be three or four days before Christmas that the most of them arrive.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON FLOODS

SEATTLE—Scores of families were forced to move to higher ground in Auburn today and rescue operations continued in other districts as the worst flood since 1934 hit western Washington and spread havoc. No loss of life is reported but damage, it is believed, will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

SEARCH HAMPERED

SEATTLE—Flooded streams and washed-out bridges today hampered the search for 32 men missing since Tuesday aboard a United States Marine Corps transport plane, bound from San Diego to Seattle, which is believed to have crashed south of lofty Mount Rainier where the search is centred.

BEVIN IS WELL

NEW YORK—A source close to Ernest Bevin, British foreign secretary, who is here attending the foreign ministers' meeting, scoffed at a report in the London Daily Worker, Communist organ, quoting members of a trade union delegation describing Bevin as "so ill that he is unable to move anywhere for long without a doctor in attendance." The source here said: "Mr. Bevin is certainly not a sick man."

BLUM IS ELECTED

PARIS—Socialist Leon Blum, 74, was today elected president-premier of an interim French government which will serve until mid-January.

ADOPT CANADIAN PLAN

NEW YORK—A Canadian proposal that any program drafted by the security council must be approved by a special session of the 54-power general assembly was written into the nebulous world arms-reduction plans today by the United Nations sub-committee.

HANGED HIMSELF

WETASKIWIN—Hugh Craigie, a young boy, died of a broken neck as a result of trying to do tricks with a rope.

COLD ON PRAIRIES

CALGARY—It is clear and cold on the prairies today. It was 4 below here during the night and 24 below at Saskatoon. There was a bitter 40-mile gale at Neepawa, Manitoba.

Fifteen Dead and Forty Missing as Tenement In New York is Flameswept

ACTION AGAINST MINERS DELAYED

Further Proceedings in United States Courts Will Be Deferred until January

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Judge Goldsborough yesterday approved an agreement between the government and lawyers of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, to delay until late January any further lower court action against the United Mine Workers growing out of the recent coal strike.

Attlee Not Committed

Refuses Assurance That Parliament Will Be Consulted Prior to Military Pacts

LONDON

CLARENCE—Attlee refused yesterday to bind his government to ask Parliament's approval before entering into any military pact "with the United States government or any other government," saying that such procedure would be entirely contrary to constitutional practice.

Capt. S. Swingler, Laborite,

had asked for such assurance in apparent reference to left wing criticism of reports that Great Britain and the United States were carrying out an arms co-ordination plan.

CIVIC VOTE FAIRLY HEAVY DESPITE SNOWFALL HAMPERING TRAVEL

Despite an eight-inch snowfall that obstructed streets and sidewalks overnight and continued to fall during the mid-morning, voting in Prince Rupert's civic elections was surprisingly heavy this morning. More than 200 citizens trudged or skidded to the Civic Centre polling station before noon to cast votes.

However, it was obvious that snow conditions did have an adverse effect on what might have been the heaviest vote in the city's history. Up to 11 o'clock, 135 ballots had been cast, as compared with 222 for the first three hours of the 1945 voting.

The count up to noon today was 204 votes, as compared with 231 at noon in the 1944 elections. There was no 12 o'clock count last year. However, a count at 12:45 last year showed that 328 voters had exercised their franchise up to that time. At 1:30 today 342 ballots had been cast.

The cafeteria in the Civic

Centre was described by election officials as the best voting place the city has ever had and comfortable, ground floor room bore out their opinion. Its advantage over the city council chamber, where voters have had to climb two flights of stairs to cast their ballots, was obvious.

First voter to cast a ballot this morning was Mayor H. M. Daggett, who voted immediately after the polls opened at 8 o'clock. The second voter also was a candidate, George Anderson, seeking election as two-year alderman. The third voter was Arthur Oswald.

The election was unmarked by any outstanding incidents, des-

NEW YORK (CP)—At least fifteen persons, according to the New York Journal-American, were killed and forty, including a mother and three children, are missing as a result of a tremendous blast in the adjoining, unused Knickerbocker ice-house. Twenty-four are known injured.

A detective who entered the ruins in the upper west side said he saw four bodies, besides those of three already removed. "Our check shows about forty persons missing," he said.

The known dead are a fireman, Frank Moorehead, 27; Anthony Biancardi 11, and Daniel Corrado. The latter two lived in the tenement.

It is believed some of the missing are firemen who were trapped in the wreckage of the ice-house. Several other firemen were hurt.

The fire marshal said that the cause of the fire and explosion was unknown although it may have been a gas leak.

The mother and children thought to be trapped are: Mrs. Edith Dirica, 31; Charles, 12; Margaret, 5, and Mary, six months.

The explosion came one hour after the fire started at 12:10 a.m.

Residents of nearby tenements were evacuated when officials said it was unsafe to remain.

A man in an adjoining building said it felt like an earthquake and that it seemed the whole building was falling on us.

Men trapped in the wreckage were helped by firemen who shouted instructions to free themselves.

Alaska Trucks Free of Duty

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The United States Department of State yesterday notified Senator Warren G. Magnuson of Washington that Canadian trucks hauling merchandise from Canadian territory to customs ports in Alaska would not be subject to duty on their trucks. The trucks are engaged in carrying relief supplies into central Alaska.

BURNED TO DEATH

MERRITT—George Martin was burned to death and his son, Jack, who attempted to save him, was seriously burned when fire destroyed their home at Brookmere near here.