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Strike Hits Local Mill

Walk-out Last Night at Georgetown Lumber and Box Plant

The International Woodworkers' Association strike of loggers and sawmill operators caught up with the Georgetown Lumber & Box Co. Ltd. last night when eleven employees at the Big Bay sawmill, having become unionized, walked out last night, resulting in the closing down of the plant which had been an important factor in the supplying of boxes for the fishing industry in this area.

W. R. McAfee, manager of the Georgetown concern, had no comment to make today other than that his company would await the reaching of an agreement by the main body of operators of the province with the union, abiding by such an agreement. Pending such an agreement, his company had not felt disposed to sign up.

ROSE SENTENCE THIS THURSDAY

Mr. Justice Lazure Considering What He Will Do With M.P.

MONTREAL, (CP)—As Mr. Justice Lazure yesterday was considering what sentence he would give to Fred Rose, convicted of conspiracy to relay wartime secrets to Russia, defense counsel for the Montrealer member of Parliament announced an appeal would be entered against the conviction. Joseph Cohen, defense counsel, said the appeal would be based on law, facts and mixed facts of law. He made this statement when the appeal was filed.

Application will be made for full release.

FINED \$100 FOR ILLEGAL FISHING

Capt. Henry Doiron of the halibut boat Sea Maid was fined \$100 plus \$3.75 court costs when he pleaded guilty in city police court Monday afternoon to a charge of fishing halibut in Area Two after the close of the season in that area. The charge was laid by Capt. C. W. Barnshaw of the fisheries patrol boat Kitimaat.

Magistrate H. D. Thain levied the minimum fine under the statute after Doiron, in extenuation, had told the court that his boat engine had broken down, making it impossible for him to haul his gear in on June 11, final day of the Area Two season.

The Sea Maid was found by the Kitimaat on June 12 hauling halibut gear off Marble Island on the west coast of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Doiron pleaded not guilty when he first appeared in court last Friday but reversed his plea yesterday.

The Sea Maid arrived here on June 12 with 26,000 pounds of halibut aboard.

Local Tides

Wednesday, June 19, 1946

High	3:46	19.4 feet
	16:59	17.5 feet
Low	10:27	4.6 feet
	22:39	8.9 feet

NO HALIBUT TODAY

No boats being in with catches, there was no sale of halibut at the local Fish Exchange this morning.

NEW WEAPON AGAINST ATOMIC ATTACK BEING DEVELOPED

WASHINGTON (CP)—The United States Army today lifted the edge of a blueprint briefly to disclose a fantastic weapon that may develop into defence against atomic rockets or armored space ships laden with A-bombs.

It is a jet of molten metal with initial velocity of five miles a second.

The War Department announcement reported that post-war research of the ordnance arm is gradually outmoding many standard weapons used in war a year ago.

Another plane is being developed which, based from the United States, could reach any city in the world with atomic bombs and fly back. Of course, it is admitted, a similar plane might be used in attack against the United States.

CONTROLLERS BEING SOUGHT

Renewed Requests for Federal Action in Seamen's and B.C. Lumber Strikes Made in Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—Renewed requests for government controllers to step into the seamen's strike and the British Columbia lumber tie-up were made in the House of Commons yesterday.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, referring to the British Columbia walk-out, made no specific commitment but said he had not closed the doors on the possibility of a controller to open the food container factories.

BREAK AWAY FROM I.W.A.

Sawmill Engineers on Vancouver Island Wish to Bargain Themselves

OTTAWA—Members of the International Union of Operating Engineers at the Port Alberni and Great Central sawmills on Vancouver Island have asked the War Labor Board that their branch of the American Federation of Labor be recognized as bargaining unit separate from the International Woodworkers of America.

Jack Henderson, secretary of the Engineers' local, said the engineers had become dissatisfied with the I.W.A.

Labor Secretary Heads For Alaska

United States Secretary of Labor Charles Schwelienbach was a passenger on the Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Louise yesterday bound for Skagway and Juneau. Mr. Schwelienbach recently featured in labor discussions with the United States Maritime Union at Seattle. It is understood that he will make the round trip on the Louise.

Take Over Box Mills

"Immediate" Action by Ottawa in Connection With Tie-up is Expected

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver Sun publishes a special dispatch from Ottawa saying the Dominion government has decided to take over British Columbia's box-making plants "almost immediately," place controllers in these factories and order the men back to work.

The story says: "A well-informed source said today that the government, convinced of the food emergency created at home and abroad by lack of production in box-making plants, is determined that I.W.A. leaders must 'falling' and union members must return to the industry on which salvage of British Columbia's vitally needed crop depends."

It continues: "Announcement can be expected almost hourly from Arthur McNamara, deputy minister of labor. Taking over the box-making plants may be a prelude to further moves which might result in action in connection with sawmills."

Another dispatch says that the appointment of Gordon Bell of Vancouver as British Columbia box factory controller is "imminent."

Charles Linton of the Royal Bank staff failed for Vancouver on the Catala today.

IS ARRESTED IN GRISLY MURDER

Police Work on Mystery of Head-Battering Killing of Young Mother and Child

AJAX, Ont., (CP)—Police worked today on the mystery behind the grisly double slaying of a young mother and her daughter whose bodies were discovered Sunday on a grassy slope near here.

The fully clothed bodies of Mrs. Alex Laurie, 34, mother of six children, and of her four-year old daughter, Patricia, were found near the highway with heads battered in.

George Bilton, aged 26, of Oshawa, was yesterday charged with the double slaying.

Bulletins

CUT OFF COMMUNISTS NANKING—Chinese Nationalist forces made a strategic move against the Communists in Manchuria today when they seized a group of islands commanding the only sea route for the Communists.

MARSHALL OPPOSED—Mukden—Communist leaders are opposed to the Nationalist proposal that General George Marshall of the United States be the supreme arbiter of the Manchurian dispute.

SOAP RATION CUT—LONDON—The British soap ration was today reduced by fifteen percent. However, there is to be an additional two pounds of sugar. The soap ration does not apply to chimney sweeps and children under five years of age.

WORKED FOR PEACE—NUERNBERG—Franz von Papen told the war crimes tribunal today that he had worked for a negotiated peace with the Allies.

STRACHEY IN OTTAWA—OTTAWA—John Strachey, British minister of food, arrived in Ottawa today by plane from London, being on his way to Washington. He will spend a day here.

ENGLISH BAY LANDING—VANCOUVER—Big guns from H.M.C.S. Uganda will boom here July 7 when a mock assault landing will be made on Kitsilano Beach as part of the Vancouver Diamond Jubilee Celebration program.

P.G.E. BUS FRANCHISE—VANCOUVER—Premier John Hart announced here today that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway would be given an exclusive bus franchise north from Prince George to Dawson Creek on the new highway.

BUDGET NEXT WEEK—OTTAWA—Hon. J. L. Hiley, minister of finance, intimated today that the budget may be expected on either Tuesday or Thursday of next week.

TIMMINS DISASTER—TIMMINS—Three men were killed today when a locomotive plunged into the shaft of the mine here, fell 1800 feet, crashing on the way down into a cape containing the three unfortunate men.

NEWFOUNDLAND FIRE—ST. JOHN'S—A disastrous forest fire is raging uncontrolled at the mouth of Terra Nova River. One town has been wiped out. Many people have been rendered homeless. At least two churches are among the destroyed buildings.

RAIN IN MARITIMES—HALIFAX—Heavy rain has fallen in the Maritime provinces to relieve a serious forest fire situation.

NONOGENARIAN, SMITHERS, DIES—SMITHERS—Ben Parker, well-loved and respected citizen of Smithers, passed away this morning in the local hospital at the age of 90.

FISH PRICE FOR YEAR SETTLED—VANCOUVER—Agreement was reached yesterday between canner operators and fishermen on fish prices for the year. There is an increase of 1/4c and 1/2c over last year.

EIGHT JAPS ARE HANGED—SINGAPORE—Eight convicted Japanese war criminals, including Vice-Admiral Teizo Hara, former commander of Japanese naval forces in the Adaman Islands, were hanged today. Hara was held responsible for the deaths of 213 islanders.

CONSERVATIVES FOR BEER, WINES—VANCOUVER (CP)—Suggestion that beer and wines be sold in eating places in British Columbia met with approval of delegates to the provincial Progressive-Conservative convention on Saturday.

Freak Tornado Lays Low Part of Windsor; At Least Twenty-One Are Killed; Millions Of Dollars Damage Done by Terrific Storm

Windsor, the velocity attained an estimated maximum of 250 miles per hour. Houses and business establishments were razed as if by a huge knife which cut them down. It happened in ten minutes with what a correspondent described as "atomic suddenness."

Whole families are believed to have been trapped and killed. Seven people are said to have perished in one house alone. Some persons were decapitated.

A policeman said he saw one house blown 1000 feet into the air.

The wing of a plane fell against one house but the plane was not immediately identified.

Hospitals were soon crowded with hundreds of injured. Every available doctor and nurse was pressed into duty.

Electric light and telephone poles were laid low and the area was plunged into complete darkness, rendering the work of rescue and relief and treatment of the injured the more difficult.

topple their homes like so many straws.

Business establishments were wrecked and autos tossed about.

The tornado climaxed two days of violent rainstorms in the area and struck without warning when many residents were at their supper tables.

The terrifying funnel sucked up nearly everything in a 100-yard swath into its fatal grip and created four huge water-spouts.

Windsor and Detroit hospitals were still hard-pressed today to handle seemingly endless streams of injured. Many were discharged after receiving first aid treatment.

Police reported that the Sandwich area, largely a rural community, had been almost completely flattened.

Many of the killed and injured were caught in the welter of their collapsing houses.

Newspaper Got Out in Detroit

The Windsor Star, minus its own light and power, published today's edition at the Detroit News plant.

Drinking water was taken from the Detroit River and out through emergency chlorination. The filtration plant, which is the ordinary source of the city's water supply, was without power.

Direct telegraph and telephone lines to Canadian points are down and communication today is via United States border centres.

VETS SEEKING WAR ASSETS

Are Urging That Goods be Channelled to Them Through Federal Department

OTTAWA (CP)—Members of the veterans' committee of the House of Commons urge that the Department of Veterans' Affairs become a medium through which ex-service men may obtain goods from the War Assets Corporation. There has been renewal of objections to the present system under which veterans supposedly have priority on regular retail markets through which goods are channelled.

SCENES OF HORROR IN PATH OF SUDDEN 250-MILE GALE IN AUTOMOBILE CITY

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—A tornado last night swept through Sandwich in the city of Windsor, taking a toll of at least twenty-one lives and, perhaps, many more. The storm struck River Rouge across the Detroit River and swept on across the southwestern section of Windsor. Three are known to be dead at River Rouge and some eye-witnesses said the death toll on the Ontario side of the river was considerably higher than twenty. Buildings were flattened in a 100-

yard area. It is reported that property damage may run into millions. Detroit suffered little. The wind was not high there and the only damage was by heavy rain.

In the direct path of the tornado, which struck first at River Rouge and then veered across the river into the Sandwich and Ojibway sections of

All Hinges On Trieste

Success or Otherwise of Big Four Conference Rests on This, it is Believed

PARIS, (CP)—Big Four foreign ministers yesterday resumed the task of writing the Italian peace treaty and an American source said success or failure of the conference might well hinge on the Russian attitude toward Trieste. A close associate of Secretary of State James Byrnes of the United States considered Trieste a "question of principle" and "the secretary never compromises with questions of principle."

Observers anxiously awaited indications as to whether Russia would be willing to compromise on her demands that the Adriatic port be ceded to Yugoslavia. United States and Great Britain favor internationalization.

The reservation on the Sloan report called for by the I.W.A. would provide for maintenance of the present membership and for entry into the union of all men hired after the new contract became effective. The clause would not apply to non-union workers now in the industry.

The I.W.A. statement emphasized that workers would not return to their jobs until the operators agreed to accept the referendum vote if authorized by the government. This the operators, through R. V. Stuart, promptly refused to commit themselves to.

Announcement of the I.W.A. council's decision came after Harold Pritchett, president of I.W.A., had reported to the council last night on decisions which had been reached at a conference of striking loggers earlier in the day with government officials. Details of the decision were not immediately announced. Pritchett had said yesterday afternoon that I.W.A. leaders were in "continuing contact" with government representatives but added that union was not planning further meetings with cabinet members.

Pending disclosure of the terms of final agreement, it was believed the union was seeking government backing for new interpretation of Chief Justice Sloan's recommendation of voluntary check-off which would provide a form of maintenance of membership in a new agreement the basis of which, under the basis of the Sloan recommendations, would be a 15c per hour increase, 44-hour week and voluntary check-off. The union had previously sought a 25c per hour increase and forty-hour week.

COMPROMISE OVER ITALY

Situation at Conference of Big Four Appears Somewhat Better Today

PARIS (CP)—Compromise between Russia and the western powers on the question of Italian reparations appeared in the making today as Big Four ministers turned their attention to the sum which Italy should pay for joining the Axis in waging war.

A more lenient attitude by Russia toward Italy gave rise to hopes that the reparations issue might be settled.

Russia, it is said, would be satisfied with 1-20 of actual damage while Great Britain and United States have been requiring more.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Skies were clear over the entire province this morning with the exception of the north coast and Queen Charlotte Islands where moist air was causing continued cloudiness and rain or drizzle. Prince Rupert recorded one-half inch of rain during the night. Temperatures remained above 44 degrees except at Cranbrook where 38 was recorded. Pressure will continue high over British Columbia today and Wednesday with little change in weather. In the east violent storms over Ontario produced downpours of rain totaling 3.22 inches at Windsor and 2.29 inches at Ottawa in the last 24 hours.

Forecast
Prince Rupert, North Coast and Queen Charlottes—Cloudy with widely scattered rain showers. Southwest winds, 10 miles per hour. Little change in temperature. Minimum expected tonight at Port Hardy 51, at Massett 46, at Prince Rupert 50. Maximums Wednesday at Port Hardy 63, at Massett 59, at Prince Rupert 63.

LABOR VERSUS COMMUNISTS

Reds Are Rejected as Danger To Australian Democracy

SYDNEY, Australia, (CP)—New South Wales state conference of the Australian Labor Party rejected Communist overtures for a working agreement in the forthcoming general election. It called for a campaign against the Communist party, describing it as a danger to Australian democracy.

LOAD SCOW FOR ALASKA

American military supplies, brought here from Edmonton, are being loaded on a scow at the C.N.R. wharf for transport to Juneau, Alaska, by a crew of workmen who accompanied the shipment of mechanical equipment from the prairie capital. Included in the equipment is a diesel crane which is being used to load the scow. The scow is to be towed by the American Army tug ST 283 which arrived from Seattle at the week-end.

India To Accept Self-Government

NEW DELHI, (CP)—Sentiment appears to be crystallizing rapidly for quick acceptance by the Hindu Congress party and the Moslem League of the British-proposed coalition interim government of India.