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English Gales Wrecks Ships, Drowns Crews

More Than Fifty Feared Dead as Result of Storm

Forty-Two Perish When Tanker Is Wrecked—Famous Battleship Scrapped by Elements
LONDON (CP)—More than 50 are feared dead today in the wake of a blustering gale which swept England yesterday. It was one of the most disastrous days in history for the coast.

The worst disaster was the wrecking of the British oil tanker *Samtampa* on the south coast of Wales. Her crew of 42 are believed dead and a lifeboat crew of eight men apparently drowned in a futile attempt to rescue them. The battleship *Warspite* was driven on the rocks off the Cornish coast while enroute to the scrap heap, and was smashed by the sea. A heavy sea was still running this morning but the worst seemed to have moved to the northeast coast. In Eric winds were reported to have reached 100-mile-an-hour speed.

BULLETINS

GAS AND "JUICE" OUT
LONDON—Use of gas and electrical fires for heating will be banned throughout Britain from May 5 to September 30, Emmanuel Shinwell, minister of fuel and power, announced in the House of Commons today. Heating of any kind in industrial or commercial premises will be prohibited from May 5 to the end of October.

NO SOAP PRICE CUT
TORONTO—Soap company officials said here today that a ten percent reduction in bulk soap prices announced yesterday in the United States will not apply in Canada. They said their United States affiliates operate independently.

HOMEWARD BOUND
CAPE TOWN—The King and Queen and the two Princesses sailed for home today aboard H.M.S. *Vanguard* after their tour of South Africa. Prime Minister J. C. Smuts said that his people had been greatly thrilled by the visit. Princess Elizabeth takes home \$800,000 in checks from the people of South Africa for the British flood relief fund.

TITLE BOUT OFF
NEW YORK—It was announced today that Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, will not defend his title before September. A title bout which was to have been held June 26 is called off for lack of a suitable opponent. Louis says he will fight twice more before retiring.

ROLVENDEN, Kent, Eng.,—Lord Geddes has decided to sell his Kentish residence, *Frensham*, which dates from the 15th century.

One Is Dead, 11 Trapped In Mine Fire

MALARTIC, Que. (CP)—A fire in Number Four shaft of the rich East Malartic gold mine early today took the life of one hard-rock miner and trapped 11 others far below ground. Traian Lucaci, 45, is known dead. Four others of the original working party of 16 men made their way to safety.

Almost 11 hours after the blaze started, rescue squads equipped with special mine fire-fighters' apparatus reported little headway in their efforts to reach the 11 trapped men. Dense smoke continued to fill the shaft.

It was reported that more masks were needed for the rescue workers and a telephoned request sought another rescue squad from Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

The smouldering fire was thought to be burning timber on the tenth level. M. T. Thomson, the mine company secretary-treasurer said at Montreal. The fire, apparently, started in a lunchroom on the tenth level of Number Four shaft which has an incline depth of 2,194 feet. From information received, Thomson said the fire was started by a carelessly dropped cigarette stub.



EDDIE SHORE BECOMES MEMBER OF HOCKEY'S HALL OF FAME
Eddie Shore, one-time Bruin star defenceman and one of hockey's great names, receives a scroll designating him a member of the hockey international hall of fame. The presentation took place at the Boston Garden preceding the playoff game between the Boston Bruins and Les Canadiens, which game the Canadiens won with a score of 5 to 1. Photo shows (left to right): Eddie Shore, King Clancy, an official and contemporary of Shore's; Capt. James T. Sutherland, hall of fame founder, and Mayor J. Stuart Crawford, Kingston, hall of fame president.

TERRACE HIGHWAY SNOW FIGHTERS STARTING ON LAST LAP OF EPIC JOB

TERRACE—Having been held up for ten days on their big highway snow clearing job, awaiting arrival of a crankshaft for the caterpillar bulldozer following a recent breakdown, General Foreman Arthur Kennedy of the public works department got his crew digging today into a 150-foot rock and

snowside one mile east of Salvus on the Prince Rupert Highway. This slide, 12 to 15 feet deep, is the major obstacle barring completion of the big snow clearing job to the Kwinitza tunnel outside of which lies the great snowslide which is the perennial winter barrier to traffic on the highway and which is to be obliterated during the coming summer by a \$25,000 causeway diversion.

When the road will be open again for traffic between Rupert and Terrace depends upon how soon it will be possible to get to work of clearing Kwinitza slide off the road. Agreeing that it is quite unsafe to put men or equipment into the slide at this time owing to a large amount of snow still hovering above and in imminent danger of coming down in avalanche should its base be disturbed, public works officials have set May 24 as the ultimate date on which the road should be opened.

Now that the snow clearing equipment is functioning again, it is estimated that the road may be open from Terrace to Kwinitza within the coming week. It is twelve miles from Salvus to Kwinitza and the remaining snow on the highway is not believed to be heavy.

Snow clearing has been completed from Prince Rupert to Kwinitza already and, when the time has been deemed safe, men and equipment from both sides will dig into the big slide in a concerted effort to get the whole road opened as speedily as possible. This might even be before May 24 but departmental officials are cautious about offering any hope to that effect. It is they who would be held responsible if there were any untoward results from premature disturbing of the slide. "It is all very well," said one of the officials, "for people in town to say the road ought to be open sooner but it is we who have to take the chances with our lives and equipment."

CLEARING CREWS DID GREAT JOB
Terrace people agree, and graphic moving pictures taken by George McAdams in vivid natural color give visual substantiation, that a super-good job has been done by the department against heavy natural odds in their snow clearing work so far. Local folk are inclined, indeed, to believe that Prince Rupert

people may have been just a little critical and impatient for there is no doubt that the past winter was an unusually tough one from the snow standpoint in the lower Skeena valley. Throughout the winter the road seven miles west of here. Nearly two months ago the big drive to clear the road from Remo west was started, and in that time, 29 miles has been opened up. At some points it was 12 to 16 feet deep, often packed hard and mixed with ice. Possibly the most hazardous point was on the Amsbury hill but the most difficult snow conditions were found around Exstew. However, the bulldozer did a spectacular job in slicing a trench with the Sicard rotary following up and blowing the snow clear up to 100 feet to the side.

It was a dawn to dusk job daily for the valiant snow-fighters numbering three who dwelt in a truck caboose to eliminate the wastage of time in driving home each night, and back to the job next day. They will be as happy as the impatient motorists who want to use the road when their job is completed.

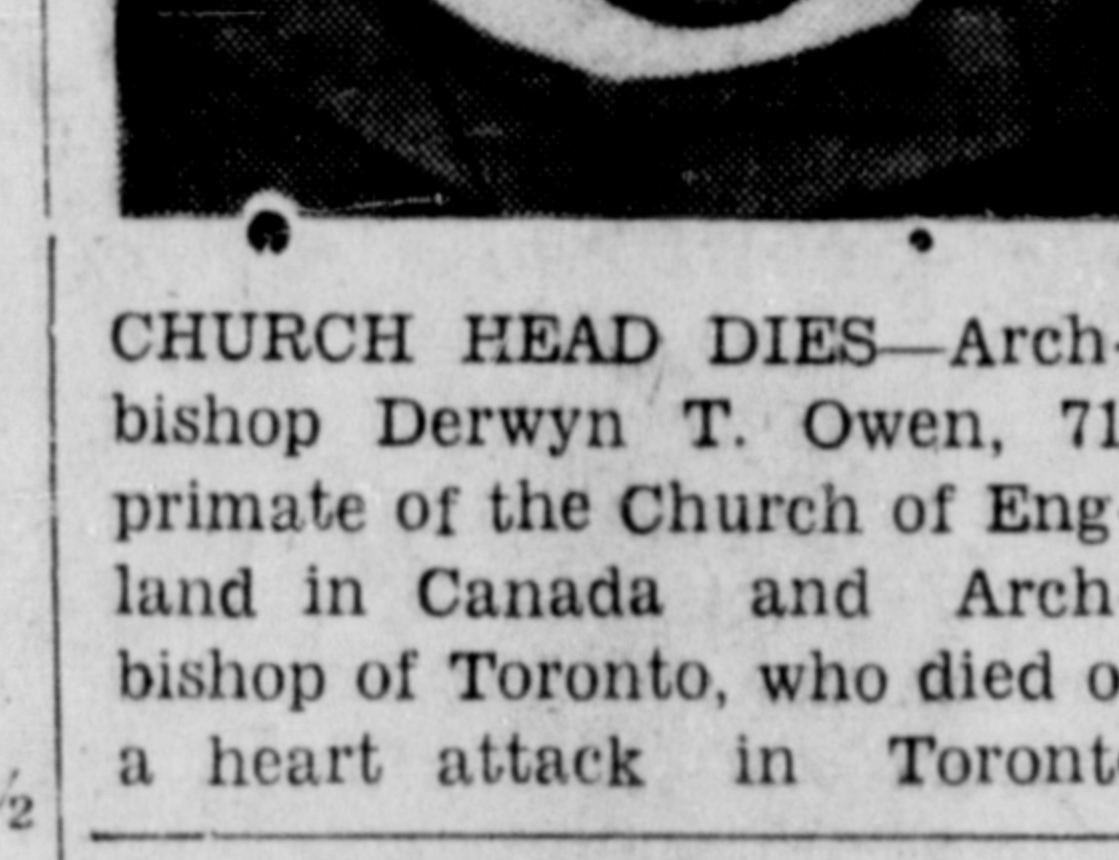
TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver	
Bradorne	10.75
B.R. Con.	.07
Cariboo Gold	2.55
Deptonia	.21
Grulle Wilksne	.073
Hedley Mascot	1.10
Minto	.041/2
Pend Oreille	.32
Pioneer	3.50
Premier Border	.043/4
Premier Gold	.68
Privateer	.401/2
Reeves McDonald	1.60
Reno	.123/4
Salmon Gold	.231/2
Sheep Creek	1.25
Taylor Bridge	.51
Whitewater	.02
Vanada	.32
Congress	.043/4
Hedley Amalgamated	.08
Spud Valley	.17
Central Zeballos	.03

Oils	
A.P. Con.	.12
Calmont	.28
C. & E.	2.00
Footfills	2.70
Home	3.15

Toronto	
Athona	.24
Aumaque	.49
Beattie	.851/2
Bevcourt	.95
Bobjo	.20
Buffalo Canadian	.21
Consolidated Smelters	84.75
Conwest	1.00
Donalda	1.00
Eldora	.461/2
Elder	1.06
Giant Yellowknife	6.40
God's Lake	1.18
Hardrock	.45
Harricana	.11
Heva Gold	.57
Hosco	.42
Jacknie	.08
Joliet Quebec	.51
Lake Rowan	.26
Lapaska	.30
Little Long Lac	1.83
Lynx	.20
Madsen Red Lake	3.20
McKenzie Red Lake	.60
MacLeod Cockshutt	1.75
Moneta	.51
Negus	2.97
Noranda	44.75
Osisko Lake	1.30
Pickle Crow	2.66
Regcourt	.56
San Antonio	3.95
Senator Rouyn	.37
Sherritt Gordon	3.70
Sheep Rock	2.05
Sturgeon River	.21



CHURCH HEAD DIES—Archbishop Derwyn T. Owen, 71, primate of the Church of England in Canada and Archbishop of Toronto, who died of a heart attack in Toronto.

MAYOR ARNOLD TO WIELD PAINT BRUSH IN OPENING CLEAN-UP

Mayor Nora E. Arnold will slap on the first brush of paint that will transform the city museum from a drab, grey eyesore into a gleaming white tourist attraction when the Junior Chamber of Commerce embarks on the museum-painting project that will open its "Clean-Up Paint Up Week" on May 4.

"They have asked me, and I will be glad to do it," Mayor Arnold said today. "It's a pleasure to get the old museum looking attractive again."

The request for Mayor Arnold's sponsorship was made by Harold Hampton, Junior Chamber "Clean-up, Paint-up" chairman, who is busy making arrangements for the project. Erection of staging and the painting will be carried out by Junior Chamber members.

The building, under the expert touch of the Junior Chamber, will become a gleaming white with green trimmings. Paint will be supplied by the Public Relations Council.

Scaffolding, which is to be supplied by the city, will be erected by Junior Chamber craftsmen. Mr. Hampton anticipates. This will be done probably in the evenings and on the Saturday afternoon prior to the transformation.

The Junior Chamber hopes that the example they set will be followed by other citizens so that the city will have a really

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Skies were cloudy throughout the southern and central portions of the province this morning with scattered showers reported in the interior. Clearing is expected throughout southern British Columbia later today with prospect of a fine day tomorrow. Skies are expected to remain overcast throughout northern B.C. today and tomorrow.

Forecast
Prince Rupert, North Coast and Queen Charlottes—Southern section overcast, becoming cloudy late this afternoon and tonight. Friday overcast. Northern section—Overcast today and Friday. Intermittent light rain or drizzle. Winds light, increasing to southerly (15 m.p.h.) northern section on Friday. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight: Port Hardy 40, Massett 40, Prince Rupert 42, Higns Friday: Port Hardy 56, Massett 52, Prince Rupert 53.

attractive appearance for visitors this summer.

Moscow Parley Terminated

LONDON (CP)—A Moscow radio broadcast a report today that the Big Four foreign ministers council meeting had ended without agreement on the future of either Germany or Austria and that the next meeting would take place in London. The broadcast, recorded by a Soviet monitor, said that the ministers would reconvene in London next November, meeting in the meantime at the United Nations general assembly in New York.

EMPLOYEES OF RAILWAY WANT TO PLAY PART

MONTREAL—"We wish to assume our full share of responsibility—to be partners—in the industry," said W. H. Crompton, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, speaking for the employees at the seventeenth annual meeting of the Canadian National Railways union-management co-operative movement, maintenance of way department, which opened here Wednesday. "The employees realize that their goodwill and co-operation are of value to the industry and to the country."

Bringing the greetings of R. C. Vaughan, C.M.G., chairman and president, the executive vice-president, N. B. Walton, C. B.E., emphasized the value of the co-operative movement to the railway and to the country at large. He thanked the maintenance of way men for the great job of keeping the C.N.R. lines open during the past winter, one of the worst in the company's history.

Many Strangers In Prince Rupert

If one can judge from the number of individuals who ask to be directed to this, that or some other place in Prince Rupert, strangers in town are multiplying. A good many are not backward in observing that they find the city a bit puzzling at first.

LONDON, (CP)—Utility stockings for women have gone up in price because of increased manufacturing costs.

Canadian National Applies For Licensing Along Highway

Canadian National Transportation Limited, 1150 Street, Vancouver (the address of the Canadian Railways), has made tentative application to the Motor Carrier Act to the Public Utilities Commission for licence to operate four public freight on scheduled service three round trips per week transporting general freight and express on the main highway between Prince Rupert and Burns Lake, serving intermediate points including Hazelton and pick-up and deliveries within the corporate limits of towns and villages. There would be eastbound trips from Prince Rupert Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and westbound trips Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

A hearing has been called in Vancouver May 14 in connection with the application at which interested parties may present submissions in person or in writing.

While only one application for the highway trucking licence is before the Commission at this time, notice of the hearing is believed to have been received by eight concerns in Prince Rupert and at interior points who put in applications for similar licences last fall and had them refused with the explanation at that time that "it is not the intention at the present time to grant any licences of this nature over the Prince Rupert Highway."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTERESTED IN MATTER

Called into session yesterday afternoon after being advised of the calling of the hearing to consider the Canadian National application, the council of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce resolved to communicate with the Public Utilities Commission urging that, in the granting of any licence, there be full guarantee of the area being given the best service possible on a daily basis either alone or in conjunction with the railway. The Commission is also being asked to hold a hearing on the application in Prince Rupert in view of the number of persons from this area who are interested.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Loyal Order of Moose Formalities Conducted by Gillis Royer

Following the regular meeting of the Loyal Order of Moose held in the Moose Temple Tuesday night, ceremony of installation of officers for the ensuing year was performed. Eighty-five members and ladies of the Moose witnessed the ceremony performed by Past Governor Gillis Royer. The officers are: Past Governor, Douglas Wood. Governor, W. B. McCallum. Junior Governor, W. D. Weiss. Prelate, H. J. Whiffin. Treasurer, H. Hampton. Sergeant-at-Arms, H. Horn. Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, O. G. Trustees, A. E. Walsh and C. Collins. Inner Guard, E. Friesen. Outer Guard, H. Walker. B. J. Bacon presented "Jewel of Office" to retiring Governor Douglas Wood and Past Governor Royer honors were also extended to J. L. Blain in acknowledgment of outstanding service to the order.

Formalities concluded the balance of the evening was spent enjoying a program conducted by the entertainment committee including the serving of refreshments.

SUNDERLAND, Eng.,

The new cargo-ship *La Cordillera*, 9,200 tons, carried 15 women among her crew when she sailed from the Wear on her maiden voyage. All were ex-Wrens.

Local Tides
April 25, 1947
3:45 21.0 feet
16:51 17.6 feet
10:31 2.9 feet
22:28 8.3 feet

WAS WIN
ST GAME
Vancouver last night defeated Assumption College 76-61 in the first game of the best-of-three series in the Dominion championships.