

Moose Temple Destroyed; Nearby Bank Saved

Burned—
Homes, Cash,
Dentures
Fire Loss

in the fire - razed
are little the worse
experience early this
when flames completely
the rock-perched land-
Hildebrand, one of the
related his flight from
building, stated woe-
due to intense smoke
he was unable to save
his personal belong-
to discover the fire,
to rooms of the other
occupants spreading the
pending disaster.
back to my room and
some of my stuff,"
about the smoke was so
new it wasn't any use."
the stairs but was held
the smoke, so I ran to the
called for help."
Hildebrand made another
the building but, seeing
it was futile to save any be-
rushed to the roof and
back stairs clad only in
garment and a blanket
thrust against his body.
the police station bare-
only there for about ten
when I noticed the
wall aflame," he re-
Other four occupants also
entire personal effects
are wearing borrowed

In
Australia — Two
and seven men were
to Sydney when a cyclone swept
South Wales and parts of
mainland.
any launches were damaged
were destroyed in Syd-
some areas seven inches of
within 24 hours. In Syd-
there was five inches
a damaging gale.
package of small craft litter-
the shores of Sydney Harbor

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

Vancouver	Aumague	12 1/2
Beattie	54	
Bevcourt	28	
Bobbo	13	
Buffalo Canadian	09 3/4	
Consol. Smelters	101.50	
Conwest	1.15	
Donalda	.54	
Eldona	.36	
East Sullivan	4.60	
Giant Yellowknife	6.40	
God's Lake	.35	
Hardrock	.34 1/2	
Harriana	.06 1/2	
Heva	.08	
Hosco	.09	
Jackknife	.06 1/4	
Joliet Quebec	.75	
Lake Rowan	.05 1/2	
Lapaska	.05	
Little Long Lac	.52	
Lynx	.14	
Madsen Red Lake	2.95	
McKenzie Red Lake	.59	
McLeod Cockshutt	2.42	
Moneta	.35	
Negus	1.47	
Noranda	67.25	
Louvicourt	.16	
Pickle Crow	1.90	
San Antonio	3.95	
Senator Rouyn	.31	
Sheritt Gordon	2.02	
Steep Rock	2.89	
Sturgeon River	.21	
Silver Miller	.50	
Upper Canada	3.10	

Bulletins

ANOTHER RED WALK-OUT
LAKE SUCCESS—Russia today walked out of the secret meeting of Big Five powers and Canada on atomic controls, protesting at continued presence of Chinese Nationalist delegates Jakob Malik, Soviet deputy foreign minister, told reporters as he left United Nations headquarters that he will not participate in atomic talks as long as the representative of Nationalist China is present

GIRL IS EVASIVE
CALGARY—Believed to be the missing 17-year old Beverley Van Horne, heiress of Montreal, a girl arrived here by plane early today from Vancouver enroute East she evaded reporters and photographers here and, accompanied by a woman companion, took refuge in downtown hotel. Miss van Horne is the great-granddaughter of Sir William Van Horne, one of the founders of the Canadian Pacific Railway. She disappeared from her home in Montreal in December and had had been working as a dishwasher in a Vancouver restaurant.

NEW CHEESE CONTRACT
OTTAWA—Minister of Agriculture Gardiner today announced completion of a new Anglo-Canadian cheese contract under which Canada will ship 85,000,000 pounds of cheese at 25c a pound. He also announced that the price of cheese would be supported at 28c a pound during 1950.

STUDY HYDRO BOMB
WASHINGTON—The United States government was understood to be going ahead today on experimental work preliminary to production of a super-hydrogen bomb. At least some top officials in the Truman administration believe the bomb will eventually go into production. President Truman, himself, will probably make the final decision, one way or another, but it is understood he wants much more information. General Omar Bradley is being called into consultation on the matter tomorrow.

NOT FINANCING PORK
WASHINGTON—The Economic Co-operation Administration said today that it has informed Great Britain no further Marshall Plan financing will be available for Canadian Pork products. A provision of the European Recovery Act prohibits ECA funds from being used to buy foreign supplies of any commodity in surplus in the United States.



GALE FLATTENS ARENA—A 67-miles-an-hour wind wrecked this arena at Chesterville, near Ottawa. A power failure shortly before the crash was probably responsible for saving the lives of some 12 or 15 hockey players. They left because of the hydro break and had hardly got outside when the arena collapsed. (C. P. Photo)

Tried To Take Her Own Life

MONTREAL — Police said today that 50-year-old Mrs. Joseph Lucas, who reported she had drowned her two grandchildren, attempted to commit suicide at detective headquarters last night. An attendant found her trying to choke herself with her hands in a room where she was being held without charge while police checked her story. Mrs. Lucas told police she had pushed her grandsons, John, aged three, and Pierre Paul, 18 months, into the St. Lawrence River because she could not bear to see them sent to a foster home. Police are attempting dragging operations.

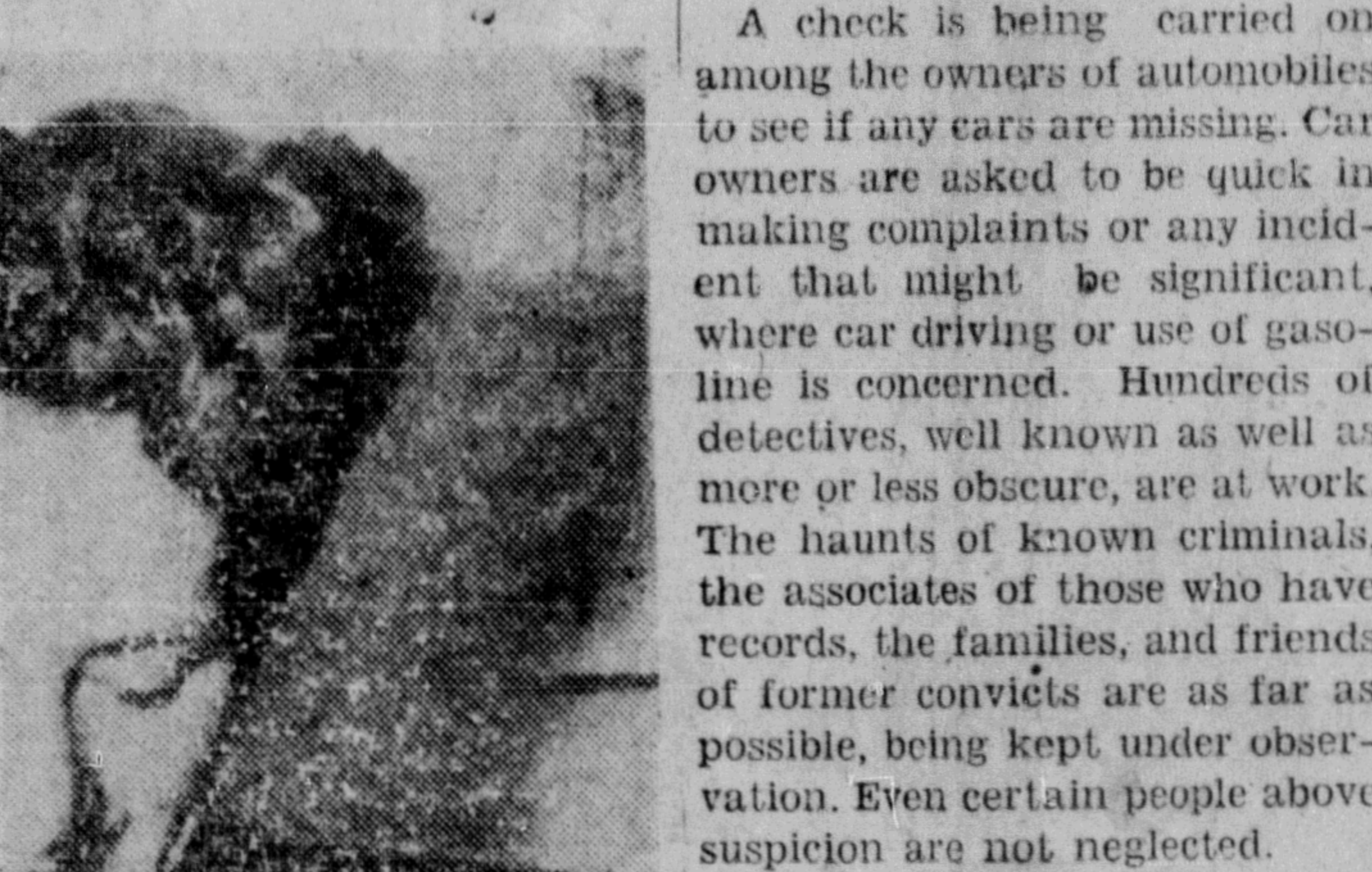
War Veterans Getting Less

OTTAWA — Government costs for war veterans are expected to decrease by around \$15,000,000 in the next fiscal year, starting April 1. Informed quarters anticipate that the bill for two world wars will range between \$500,000,000 and \$260,000,000 a year for the next five years at least.

ALL OUT MANHUNT— Boston Bandits Sought Dead Or Alive— Preferably Dead—Trail So Far Cold

Greatest Manhunt in History
Going on After Biggest Robbery
BOSTON — Reward of \$100,000 was posted yesterday for information leading to the capture of nine daring bandits who held up the establishment of Brink's Incorporated, armored car establishment here, Tuesday, and made their getaway with \$1,500,000 in cash and checks, leaving what up to last night appeared to be a cold trail. Federal Bureau of Investigation joined the Boston police in a great manhunt. "We want those men dead or alive—preferably dead," said the head of Brink's Incorporated. All known criminals are being rounded up for questioning and all places where criminals are known to hang out are being combed. The nine precise masked gunmen pulled off one of the United States biggest robberies, stealing more than \$1,500,000 at gunpoints and leaving behind another \$1,000,000 because they could not carry it. The grotesquely-masked gunmen, in their twenty-minute precision raid, snatched the money from an open vault after gagging and trussing five employees.

The nations greatest manhunt has spread all over the union. The statement was heard Wednesday that no fewer than three thousand constables and sleuths are operating throughout the States of New England. New York City's Department of Criminal Investigation has thrown all weight into the pursuit. A check is being carried on among the owners of automobiles to see if any cars are missing. Car owners are asked to be quick in making complaints or any incident that might be significant, where car driving or use of gasoline is concerned. Hundreds of detectives, well known as well as more or less obscure, are at work. The haunts of known criminals, the associates of those who have records, the families, and friends of former convicts are as far as possible, being kept under observation. Even certain people above suspicion are not neglected.



EIGHT WEEKS OLD—Healthy and growing steadily, Brenda and Beverley Townsend, Siamese-twin sisters of Tofteld, Alta., are all dolled up in new bonnets and sweaters for a visit with their mother, Mrs. E. A. Townsend. The babies are joined at the abdomen. The family doctor said no operation to separate them will be attempted at least until they are six months old. (C.P. Photo)

RAIL COLLISION IN SASKATCHEWAN

STURGIS, Sask. — An engineer and brakeman were injured yesterday in a collision between an extra freight train and a Canadian National Railways Regina-Flin Flon passenger train. The accident occurred at Highcliffe, twelve miles north of here. The injured were Engineer Larson and Brakeman. Nine freight cars and a passenger coach were derailed.

First United Church Congregational supper and meeting postponed until February 3.

Two Men Have Narrow Escape Out On Ladder

Moose Temple, one of the old landmarks of Prince Rupert, was totally destroyed by fire which broke out shortly before 6 o'clock this morning. The adjoining Canadian Bank of Commerce building had a narrow escape but efforts of the fire department saved it from serious damage. Two of five men who lived in the third and top storey of the building were assisted down fire ladders in their night attire, losing all their effects in the quick evacuation. Damage, estimated at about \$25,000, is partially covered by insurance. The fire was fought in sharp 14 above zero weather and efforts of firemen were to some extent hampered at first by low pressure in water mains owing to the general water shortage in the cold spell. Other lines were shut off for the time being as available water was concentrated on the blaze. Two fire hydrants were frozen. Three lines of hoses were used.

Narrow Escape

Two of the residents of the building, who were assisted out of third storey windows on ladders, were Gillis Royer and Leslie Parkes. Waving of flashlight revealed the plight of these men. Others who resided there but made their escape by stairs were Eddie Hildebrand, Joe Long and Howard Walker. Royer and Parkes had tarried in their rooms to try to get into their clothes and then found themselves trapped by flames enveloping the stairs. Hildebrand was aroused by smoke pouring into his room and, wrapped in a blanket, ran to the police station after arousing the other four men. Fireman Bert Cameron assisted by Harold McGowan, played an heroic part in rescuing Royer and Parkes, assisting them down a twenty-foot ladder. They suffered somewhat from exposure.

Two commercial travelers, P. Davis and J. B. O'Sullivan, from Vancouver, using the place for sample room purposes, lost some \$1000 of sample goods. Frozen water pipes were being thawed in the Moose Temple late Wednesday afternoon and it was thought by Fire Chief Earl Becker that this might have been the cause of a smoldering fire.

Basement and first floor of structure were in full flame when the department was called by Edna Sanhals, one of the young woman occupants of the Commerce Mess in the bank building nearby. Occupants of the Commerce Mess are the Misses Edna Sanhals, Audrey Patterson, Margaret Steeves PHN, Ruth Ramsay and Janice Patterson.

Firemen concentrated efforts on saving the bank building to the top of which they mounted with their hoses as the Moose building could not be saved.

Manager R. G. Hopkins of Bank of Commerce, on the scene at 6 a. m. to rush-stationery and documents into safe as his building seemed doomed, said the bank suffered no serious loss except for some minor damage from water. The cornice of the building was shattered. Roof of the bank building was used as the base of attack on the spread of the fire.

All that remains of the building today is a high chimney, and the old fireplace. The lodge safe, containing various documents, lay in the ruins. It is being opened today and a lodge meeting will be held tonight to assess the situation. Fire Chief Earl Becker and his firemen, all of whom took part in fighting the blaze, were given general credit for doing a good job in saving the bank and other nearby buildings.

Residents of the Temple were thankful that they had escaped with their lives from what might have been a serious situation. The ancient three storey frame structure occupied an imposing site on Second Avenue overlooking the harbor in the central business section. It was built nearly forty years ago as the original Prince Rupert Club and, as such, was for many years a centre of activities of business men and of social affairs. Several years ago it was acquired by the Moose Lodge. Fire Chief Earl Becker, after the fire, expressed his appreciation to several willing citizens who helped his firemen in their arduous fight. "I don't know the names of them all but I certainly would like you to thank them on my behalf," the chief told the Daily News.

Labor Takes Off Gloves

Cripps Warns British Industry Flays Conservatives and Communists

LONDON — Sir Stafford Cripps has warned British industry that gloves will be off if Labor is returned in the general election on February 23. In a major political speech last night, Labor's chief apostle of planned economy made these two points: 1. A new Labor government would establish development councils for industry on a compulsory and large scale "basils" "overriding any political opposition that may be encountered." 2. Britain's trade union movement, 8,000 strong, has given definite pledge that food subsidies will not be reduced as long as the unions continue to support the government's standstill on wages. Cripps lashed out at both the Conservative and Communist parties. The former would bring the death warrant to democracy its policies being the precursor of Fascism. The Communist were a "sabotage party."

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
A storm centered to the west of the Oregon Coast is bringing the long awaited milder temperatures to southern British Columbia. Snow, which began in the Okanagan and Kootenay Valleys overnight, will reach the Cariboo and Prince George areas this afternoon. Snow, accompanied by considerable freezing rain which has fallen over Western Washington and Oregon since Wednesday evening reached southern Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland this morning. Unsettled weather with a mixture of rain and snow will persist across the southern half of the province tomorrow. Extreme northern areas will remain cold.

Forecast
North Coast Region—Overcast southern section with mixed rain and snow commencing this afternoon. Clear in Prince Rupert area, becoming overcast this afternoon. Overcast with occasional mixed rain and snow entire region tomorrow. Northerly winds, 20 mph, occasionally reaching 40 in the mainland inlets. A little milder. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy, 25 and 35; Sandspit, 25 and 35; Prince Rupert, 18 and 32.

LOCAL TIDES

	3:00	20.6 feet
High	14:43	21.7 feet
Low	8:46	6.8 feet
	21:11	2.3 feet