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minch ice in front of the Stewart dock ented the steamer Camosun from making this morning on her weekly voyage to the anal mining camp but the vessel anchored Alaska, and passengers, mail and freight ferred to the float there by gas-boat. Thus

was relieved at least partially the situation at Stewart which has brought some commodities, and such as fuel, into short supply after three unsuccessful attempts of the Camosun to land aurent there because of the ice.

Blasting operations were ree First Speeches sorted to by the provincial department of public works in the effort to clear a channel for O-Canada's ex- the steamer to the Stewart relations wharf but they were only par--- when | tially successful. There is still have left at 8 o'clock this ever St. Laurent and ice in front of the Stewart dock

es in the House of Hyder float wa smade today by was announced this morning. of the top the use of Ernest Lewis' gasboat which was broken out of the ice pack yesterday in readiness for the Camosun's arrival. tions as he spark-

nal Throne Speech southwest wind," said a message received today by the Daily News from its Stewart correspondent who suggested might take another week before the Stewart wharf could be reached by the steamer.

CELLULOSE BUYS debate, the House

Sale of their ancestral Cloyah Bay Indian Reserve Numher Five to the Columbia Cellulose Co. was approved by the villagers of Metlakatla at meeting of the band last week. Agreed price of the sale was not revealed.

The reservation is comprised of 82 acres along Cloyah Creek, route of a pipeline proposed by the Columbia Cellulose Co. to supply the plant which is to be built at Watson Island.

The money received from the sale will be turned in to the band's trust fund, supervised by the government, and it is expected that a portion of it will be returned for immediate use by the Metlakatla people.

The Metlakatla band applied more than three years ago for enfranchisement, and it is expected that it will be approved sometime in the near and became enfuture.

Line Blocked After Blast

Heavy Rock Falls On Railway and Highway Near Salvus

Following the setting off of a big blast of forty tons of dynamite to loosen 80,900 yards of rock for a new quarry the Canadian National Railway is opening three miles west of Salvus on the lower Skeena River, railway and highway are covered today with five hundred feet of rock and seventy men in extra crews are rushing clearing of the line and track rebuilding in the effort to permit trains to move again as soon as possible. The train, which was to ning for the East, will not get The transfer from steamer to away until noon tomorrow, it

The big blast took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Lower rock was loosened and broken as expected but over-"We are praying for a strong break was in large pieces of solid granite which have to be re-blasted.

> A temporary track is being built on the highway right-ofway on the river side of the pending return to the regular HARRIST heavy rock has fallen.

Steam shovels are working at both ends of the blockade with two compressors and bulldozer

with fifty-six men as well Steve Markovich's gang of thirteen men which is carrying out the job.

Downtown Store Changes Hands

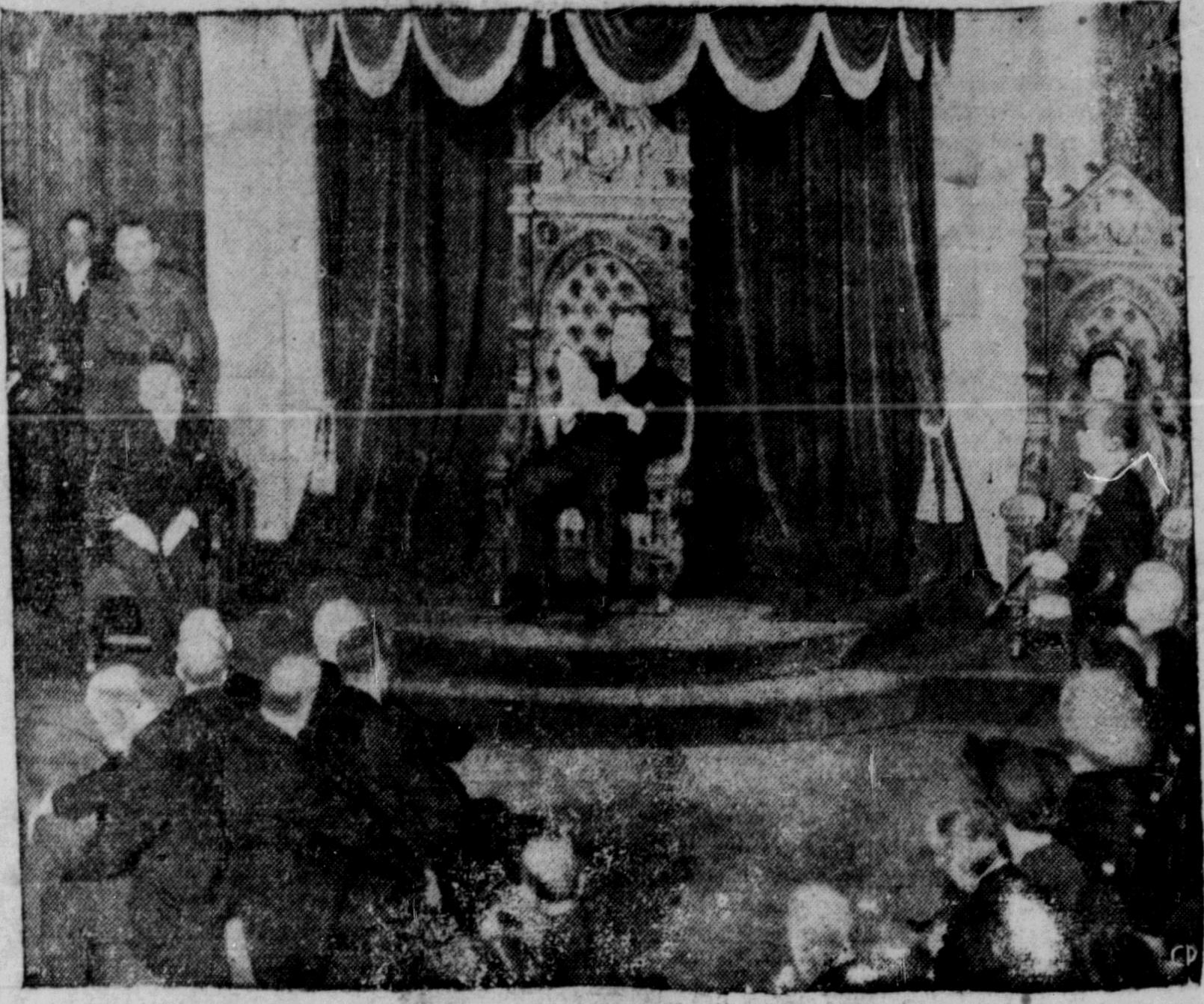
goods store operated by Taft, burning, screaming children pert 30 and 38. and O'Dowes for the last three trying to claw their way out of years has been purchased by windows before they were en-Arthur E. Jones who has taken | veloped in flames. over its operation. Mr. Jones, Mrs. Isobel Robertson. who Up Barter Trade has been a resident of the city turned in the alarm, watched the period when he was over- and went back in her house. seas. He left on Saturday's plane for a week's business trip to Vancouver.

RED INK ELECTION

The Panama government its last election used indelible red ink to prevent repeaters. Each voter had his hand daubed with the ink which couldn't be scrubbed off.



SEARCHMASTER-Sparkplug behind all R.C.A.F. search and rescue operations in Manitoba and far Arctic regions is Wing Cmdr. Alan Walmsley, chief staff officer of 11 Group Headquarters at Winnipeg. He is shown pointing out the locale of the re-"Don't Lose Your cent "Operation Moore" rescue on a wall map in the operations room of 11 Group Search and Rescue Co-ordination centre. The have been put out veteran flier switches jobs — from staff officer to searchmaster—the minute a plane is reported missing in his area of operations.



THRONE SPEECH—Seated in the Speaker's chair in the Senate Chamber, Viscount Alexander, governor-general, reads the Throne Speech to the combined houses of Parliament. Seated at right is Lady Alexander while at left is Prime Minister St. Laurent. Standing behind the prime minister are aides-de-camp.

Blood-Curdling Sights as Children Burn to Death in Nova Scotia Home

There are two extra gangs, NEW WATERFORD, N.S., W-led in these conditions for the as Two tearful mothers Friday next 36 hours. described their horror at standing helplessly watching their neighbor's children die in a Coast Overcast with occasional flash fire which before dawn mixed rain and snow. Winds swept through a miner's dwel- northerly (15 miles per hour). ing and took 10 lives.

The Third Avenue sporting Mrs. Daniel McDougall who saw Massett 35 and 40, Prince Ru- servicemen left for overseas. On at a mutually acceptable place.

were so fierce she was driven by exchange conditions. back but not before she saw some of the children screaming and trying to get out. She turned away and tried to get to the back of the house. There she stumbled against two children. They were almost naked, whimpering softly and calling for "daddy." She took them back;

in her house. . Mrs. Robertson said: "It was awful. I could hear the children screaming. The house was almost gone then. I saw a man standing in the yard, calling to somebody in a window to jump. I heard someone laughing hysterically. I could see children in an upstairs window with the

flames licking around." Nine children in all died in the fire: Five other persons in the two-family building escaped. Eight of the dead were children of William McKeigan. The fire started while Mrs. Mc-Keigan was cooking breakfast but it is not known how it oil started. The remaining child of the McKeigan family-Rosewas critically injured.

SEARCH FOR ATLANTIS Atlantis, the legendary continent said to have disappeared under water 8,000 years ago, will soon be searched for by a British expedition using radar.

THOSE QUIET DAYS Only four passenger automobiles were registered in the (CP Photo) | United States in 1895.

THE WEATHER

Skies were generally overcast in British Columbia this morn- IN TRAINING pert area. Elsewhere along the northern coast mixed rain and snow is falling while, in the interior of the province, scattered light snow flurries are reported. No significant change is expect-

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Little change in temperature. "It was the most horrible Lows tonight and highs Tuessight I have ever seen," said day-At Port Hardy 35 and 42, ness displayed in wartime when

C.C.F. Would Set

CITTAWA-C. C. F. leaders, in since 1938, with exception of but "couldn't stand any more" conference here Saturday, proposed that a system of barter two week training period. Mrs. McDougall, who was might be set up between Can- At Kamloops the train took cooking breakfast, looked over ada and some of the European on another group of 60 men and saw a mass of flames. She countries as a means of develop- from reserve units in that city rushed out of the house and ing trade in essential commodi- and the Okanagan Valley. Neartried to get close but the flames ties which has been hampered ly 200 more boarded the mili-

Special Train Leaves Vancouver for Wainwright

VANCOUVER_A scene reminiscent of World War II days was witnessed at the Canadian National station here at the week-end when nearly 200 officers and men from Pacific Coast militia units left by special train for Wainwright, Alberta, to take part in the reserve force winter camp commencing there on January 30. On this occasion, however, there was no trace of the sad-

the contrary, the many rela- The Russian leader also said tives and friends at the depot were in happy spirits as they gave an enthustastic send-off to their men-folk who are scheduled to return to their home at the conclusion of the

tary special in Edmonton.

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

Vancouver		Aumaque	
Bayonne	.061/2	Beattie	.56
Bralorne		Bevcourt	29
B. R. Con		Bobjo	.13
B. R. X	.101/2	Buffalo Canadian	
Cariboo Quartz	1.30	Consol. Smelters	114.75
Congress	.05	Conwest	1.32
Hedley Mascot	.54	Donalda	,55
Pacific Eastern	.071/2	Eldona	.68
Pend Oreille		East Sullivan	3.15
Pioneer		Giant Yellowknife	
Premier Border	.04	God's Lake	.50
Privateer	.17	Hardrock	.19
Reeves McDonald	3.40	Harricana	.09
Reno	.07	Heva	.11
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A. P. Con	.24	McKenzie Red Lake	37
Atlantic		McLeod Cockshutt	
Calmont		Moneta	.481/
C. & E	6.00	Negus	
Central Leduc		Noranda	58.75
Home Oil		Louvicourt	
Mercury		Pickle Crow	2.11
Okalta		Regcourt	061/
Pacific Pete	2.68	San Antonio	4.05
Princess		Senator Rouyn	42
Royal Canadian	.10	Sherrit Gordon	
South Brazeau	.181/2	Steep Rock	1.56
Toronto		Sturgeon River	
		Cilicon Millon	36

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Down Thirty Percent

VANCOUVER (CP)—Further drastic restrictions on consumers of electricity in the lower mainland areas including the city of Vancouver were ratified today by the Public Utilities Commission and will become effective Tuesday midnight. Details were announced by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company.

There will be a thirty percent cut all around on industrial power. There may be a dayand-a-half per week reduction in working time or daily operations may be curtailed.

Department stores, it is suggested, should be opened at 10 instead of 9 a.m. with closing hours the same.

Lights must be turned off after closing of stores and oflighting.

Street and theatre lighting will be further curtailed.

ants, dairies, bakeries and hospitals are not affected by the restrictions.

The B.C. Electric Co. announced today that only fifteen days' water was left. Week-end organizations in all co rain was light and inadequate ate relief.

wholesale and retail bureau have In the first major attempt to urged their members to start the clinch a general election the curtailment program today in- party will place at least 200 canstead of waiting for tomorrow didates in the field in all prov-

STALIN WILLING MOSCOW - Prime Minister Joseph Stalin has expressed his willingness to discuss an American - Russian "peace pact" with President Truman that the Soviet government | tracts. would be willing to discuss a joint declaration of peaceful intentions and gradual disarmament. He also said that Russia "sees no obstacles" to lifting the Berlin blockade if the Western Powers postponed setting up a separate state pending a Big Four foreign ministers' council and the lifting of the Allied counterblockade.

NANKING NOW BUFFER

NANKING-Namking was today neither Nationalist or Communist but was an island between the two warring governments. There have been no indications of Communist of-ficials actually entering the BY SEAMEN capital but they could do so if they wished as the city is practically defenceless. The gemeral leading four South China provinces has said they Chiang Kai-Shek as a feudalist.

ISRAELI'S GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV-An Assembly dominated numerically by two rival labor parties will form Israeli's first regular government. Ben Gurion's Mapai Party holds the largest group-44 out of 150 seats. Dr. Chaim Weizbann, long-time Zionist, is expected to be chosen President. The capital may be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

M.P. DIES

OTTAWA-Norman Jacques, 69. Social Credit Member of Parliament for Wetaskiwin, died here early today. He was first elected to the House of Commons in the 1935 general election and was returned in 1940 and 1945.

Commence Campaign to Win Next Federal Election-General Policy Outlined

OTTAWA-Co-operative Commonwealth Federation leaders, fices. This applies to window comprising members of the National Council and the federal caucus, met here at the weekend and decided to begin an immediate all-out drive to win the next national election. They heeded Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent's warning of a contest at the polls "in the not too distant future" and told the party encies to proceed at once with and there is no sign of immedi- nominations. The meeting was presided over by M. J. Coldwell, The Vancouver Board of Trade the party's national leader.

inces including Newfoundland where it was decided to send J. W. Nosworthy of Toronto. himself born in Newfoundland, to proceed with organization

The C.C.F. now holds 32 out of 245 seats in Parliament.

The closed session covered all major issues confronting Canadian Parliament this season. It included consummation of the North Atlantic security pact, possible implementation of the international wheat agreement and Anglo-Canadian food con-

The National Council agreed that Canada should support and join the security pact.

The C.C.F. policy to put, by immediate legislation, the burden of taxation on the shoulders of those who could pay for it was urged.

The party called for government support of an international wheat agreement and, in the meantime, extension of the current wheat agreement with the United Kingdom.

Say They Will Strike Rather Than Accept Lower Wages

HALIFAX, P.-Gus Genites, port agent for the Canadian will fight on against feudal- | Seamen's Union, says the Union ism and communism, classing will strike before it accepts a wage reduction.

The statement by Genites followed a Union meeting which urged that "all seamen mobilize to take whatever action is necessary to protect the living standard of the merchant meet."

The seamen are negotiating a new contract with a threeman board.

The contract expired last October but ran under old terms pending the reaching of a new agreement.

The Union objects to the "scuttling" of the merchant fleet and the seiling of ships to other powers.

Important Notice

Camadian Club Dinner to be held at Civic Centre instead of Presbyterian Church.

Pon't Forget Shrine Club Band Concert, Civic Centre, TONIGHT, 8:15

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